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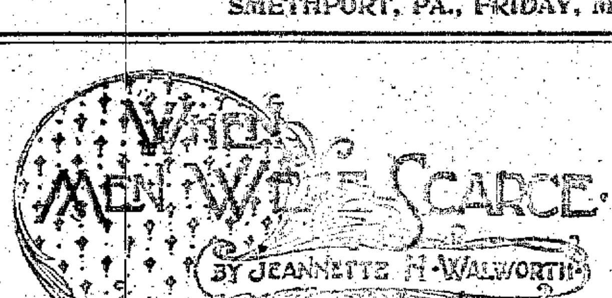

WHEN MEN WERE SCARCE

BY JEANNETTE H. WALWORTH

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CHAPTER VII.

One day a gun was fired.

All Cloverdell heard it. All the county of Applegate heard it. All the world heard it. The echo of it is still reverberating down the aisles of time.

By token of it all men knew that another [illegible] had rashly seceded from the great sisterhood of states.

Cloverdell was thrown into a frenzy of excitement at sound of it.

Counting houses were deserted, shops were closed, schools were dismissed, appointments were forgotten, promises were canceled.

The town promptly emptied itself into the little park on the bluffs which overlooked the river. From that high vantage ground as from no other spot in the town could be seen the gayly beflagged steamer from whose deck that momentous shot had been fired.

Like some strident envoy proud of his tremendous embassage the steamer circled and coquetted about the other craft in the harbor, inviting them to lift up their voices and aid in the proclamation of its mighty message. Banners floated from every available inch of space. The cannon which announced the folly of a people belched forth other confirmatory shots. Innumerable tugs, ferryboats, steam barges and launches added their discordant voices to the clamor.

Men flung their hats high in air and wrung other men's hands in fervent congratulation over—what? Women wept and waved their handkerchiefs in a contagion of excitement over—what?

Boys joined in the general uproar joyously, full of a wild glee simply because the monotonous routine of the days was to be set at naught. A few gray heads were shaken in secret, a few ominous prophecies uttered in whispers. Old women anxiously questioned their hearts concerning the loved ones they could best spare. Young women proudly pinned on the blue cockade of secession. Reason abdicated in favor of emotion.

From one end of the county to the other the contagion spread with the rapidity of a prairie fire.

Colonel Merriman Bascom mounted bay Tom and galloped into town in response to this bit of highly colored oratory scrawled on a letter back by his friend Thatcher:

"The time has come to act. There is no longer room for deliberation. He who hesitates is lost. The state has gone out. We go out with it. How long before you can be ready to take the field?"

And as the colonel rode townward in response to this fervid appeal he thought of many things. Thatcher was right—words must now make way for acts. He had long since declared his intention of equipping a company of his own and leading it into the field should his state secede. Who would stay with Jessica? It gave his tender heart a twinge of pain as he reflected on her peculiar attitude toward this movement.

She had come home at a time when the very air was surcharged with this matter. Secession, as she read it, meant a fight for the continuance of slavery. She had been educated into a horror of the institution. She had no sympathy to waste on the southern side of the question. The colonel had received her tirades on the iniquity of slaveholding with lenient smiles.

"It was all due to Shorter's narrow teachings, and the pretty child, of course, had no convictions of her own on the subject."

Now for the first time Jessica's attitude toward a subject which involved the entire community gave him distress. "It will make her so infernally unpopular, and, poor girl, she needs all the friends she can make."

Then Jessica and her needs were chased out of mind temporarily by the demands of the moment. There were officers to be selected for his company. Reginald Belknap's tall, lithe figure, distinguished features and superb horsemanship arrayed themselves as claimants to the colonel's favor. He did not believe he could do better than to take Belknap as his first lieutenant. It would give the boy an opportunity to go into the field with a certain amount of prestige and help to dissipate the cloud of unfriendliness which had lowered over him since the story of his folly had been made public. Yes, Belknap should go out with him.

Then the company must be named. It was no part of the colonel's plan of patriotism to have his own name emblazoned in the brave deeds of other men. This point had already come up for desultory discussion in friendly conclave. Thatcher wanted the "Bascom Light guards." He had downed the suggestion at the outset. On the whole "Applegate sharpshooters" appealed to his fancy more strongly than any name yet thought of, and as he dismounted in front of Thatcher's office he had got so far as to decide that the "Applegate sharpshooters" should be uniformed with dark crimson stripes down the trousers legs and small crimson pompons in their military caps.

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The city fathers heard it and called an extra meeting to decide upon some plan of action that should emphasize the fact that Cloverdell fully approved of the decision of the state legislature and was ready and willing to do her part.

As to what that part was the city fathers were a little vague in their official minds. They were a unit, however, for the first time in their official existence and burned with warlike zeal.

Reginald Belknap heard it, and his cheeks flamed with the ardor of his desire. Now he could wipe out the stain he had put on an honorable name. Everything would be changed. He would cover himself with such glory that even Marianne would forget the lapse that had robbed her of the home she loved so well.

He had made his confession to her and to Maxwell by proxy. Colonel Bascom had gone over to Belhaven and told the miserable story for him. Marianne's first question, her only one, had been:

"And Mammy Jane—does she go with the rest of our belongings?"

Marianne's, however, was not the fair girl face which rose up to confront Belknap as he, too, galloped townward, eager to be in the thick of the excitement [illegible] in Cloverdell. [illegible] come back covered with glory she will look on me with kinder eyes." And as he rode he lifted his hat reverently from his head. "She shall be my inspiration and my—goal. To make myself worthy of her shall be the ambition of my life."

Little Potts heard it and slammed the lids of his big ledger together with a groan. "Good Lord! They have done it at last! [illegible]! They know not what they do."

He [illegible] all the men whom Merriman Bascom delighted to call friends was not among the shouting, laughing, chattering crowd that gathered on the bluff that morning.

He walked into his outer office. Not a clerk was left at a desk. He proceeded as far as the big wareroom. Not a salesman was to be found. He smiled bitterly and walked to the front door of his store. It looked like Sunday in that part of Cloverdell. One single form was in sight. It was old Cuthbert Drew, who, being deaf, had been slow to hear the great news, and, being lame, was making but tedious progress toward the center of excitement. As he came abreast of little Potts he doffed his shabby felt hat to swing it over his thin, white locks, with a senile shout:

"Hooray, hooray for the Confederacy! Down with all Unionmen, traitors and idgits!"

That was the beginning of little Potts' martyrdom.

The meeting to which Mr. Thatcher had summoned the colonel was in full blast. Notwithstanding everybody's conviction that the time for words was past, a vast amount of talk had to be disposed of before any practical conclusions could be arrived at.

It was held in the courthouse, that being the only building in the town large enough to hold the excited populace. Women were there in force, grown bold by that rampant patriotism which made action of some sort imperative. Colonel Bascom, a handsome, conspicuous figure, had the platform when little Potts crept in, with a white, drawn face and the mien of a man by no means sure of his welcome. The words that reached him as he slipped into a seat near the door made him less than ever sure of it. Said the speaker:

"The hour has come for every man to declare himself for or against us. As a state we have spoken. As individuals it would seem by this gathering that the action of our legislators is indorsed, but, my friends, we are going into a tremendous conflict. I am not one of those who think this is going to be a boys' holiday frolic. We want no enemies in our midst. Open foes we know how to cope with, but household enemies are the most dangerous sort, and therefore, I repeat, the time has come for every man to declare where he stands. Tomorrow I shall begin the work of enrolling volunteers for the company I propose taking into the field myself. I hope no man that Cloverdell has ever held in high repute will be absent from that meeting."

The colonel bowed his handsome head and sat down amid wild applause. When it subsided, there was a moment of profound silence. No one seemed to know exactly what should be done or said next. In the midst of it little Potts was seen to leave his seat and walk resolutely toward the platform, with his eyes fixed sorrowfully on the faces of the men who had been his friends. He walked up the steps to the judges' seat and lifted a hand to command attention. It was accorded him without a word or murmur of welcome.

He began in a trembling voice. Perhaps it was the first speech he had ever attempted in public, and he knew his audience was not in touch with his sentiments, all of which told against eloquence.

"Friends of Cloverdell, you have just been addressed by a man whom I have always delighted to honor and whom I shall admire and love all the days of my life. I am not standing here to judge him or his actions. He has the inalienable right of free thinking on this subject as on all others. As freely as I accord that privilege so freely must it be accorded me. My friend said a little while ago that whosoever was not with you was against you. In most matters that must be held to be strictly true. But as he also says the time has come for every man to declare where he stands I am here to declare myself most emphatically opposed to this movement. As my fellow citizens, men among whom I have been going in and out all my life, I am with you in all that makes for your welfare or the welfare of our section. I do not think there is a man here who can say he has ever sorrowed and I have not sorrowed with him, or rejoiced and I have not been glad for him, but in this stupendous matter of throwing off our allegiance to the old flag, in this our hour of peril and of rash action, I do not stand with you. I would to God I could hope that my words would carry any weight with them. I would try to make them burn into your hearts and memory, but a more eloquent man than I has just spoken to you, and you are in accord with him. That leaves me nothing to say but this"—here he paused and wiped his brow with a trembling hand—"if I am not with you, I could not be against you. You who are so eagerly buckling on your armor to give battle have an easier task than mine. I know the natures around me too well not to feel that I am making myself an object of contumely to every man here. So be it. Conscience and I must stand together though no man stand with us. But, dear friends of old, in the dark days that are ahead of us there must be some friendly offices that you will permit a noncombatant to perform for you or the dear ones you will be leaving behind you. You and they will always know where to find me."

He turned and offered his hand to Colonel Bascom. The colonel was busy looking over some papers. He did not see his old friend's outstretched hand or the smile, sadder than tears, that wreathed little Potts' lips. The colonel had set the pace for the crowd. He generally did. Slowly little Potts retraced his steps. Only once, after that first rejection, did he offer his hand—to be once more rebuffed. He left the courthouse and walked home to the house behind the oleanders. There he would find [illegible]. There were three loving [illegible] that had not [illegible] his [illegible] compliment in the line of knitting socks, comforters and anything else soldiers should be provided with when engaged in the civilized pastime called warfare. Miss Melanie, in common with every other member of the Ladies' Aid society, had been in a state of wordy preparation for the impending crisis for months. It only required that shot to crystallize her zeal into instantaneous activity.

She smiled acridly as little Potts came toward her where she sat before her work table.

"Well, Brother Lester!" There was a challenging note in her voice which little Potts was sensitively alive to.

"Well, Sister Melanie!"

"I did not see you in the park."

"No; I was not there."

"Why weren't you? Everybody else in town was, except infants and bedridden people."

Little Potts tried to be funny.

"Then there were plenty without me."

"No, I don't think anybody could have cared for you, how willing soever [illegible] I might have been."

"Were you all there?"

Miss Melanie's eyes snapped. "Every one of us. You were the only Potts absent, and my cheeks burned at the thought."

"My poor Mel, I am afraid there is a good deal of cheek and heart burning ahead for you and the girls if you are going to take my attitude in this matter so much to heart."

"What is your attitude, Lester?"

"That of deathless adhesion to the right as my own conscience conceives it and mortal combat against the wrong as I comprehend it."

"Oh!" said Miss Melanie, with concise scorn.

"Where are the girls now?"

"They haven't got in yet. They went to the meeting at the courthouse. I came straight home from the park."

"I am sorry they went to the courthouse."

"Why? It is perfectly proper. They went with our minister's wife, and I should not think you would be sorry to have them show a womanly sympathy with those who are about to risk life and limb in defense of our liberties."

Little Potts smiled wearily.

"More oratory! Cloverdell is developing no end of orators. I meant that I was sorry my girls were in that crowd because I am afraid their feelings were hurt. I thought it best to enter my protest against this accursed folly publicly and to let my townsmen know just exactly where I stood."

"Oh, Lester!" Miss Melanie's voice had a sob in it.

"Yes, it is best to be open and aboveboard in such matters."

"And how did the people take it?"

"Not at all kindly. I did not expect they would. Bascom refused me his hand, and others followed his lead."

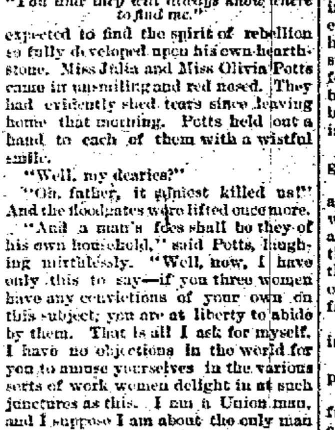
Miss Melanie folded her hands with a gesture of resignation.

"Let us understand each other explicitly, brother. Since you have elected to stand with the enemies of your section what position do you expect me and your own daughters to take?"

The front door opened and closed with unusual emphasis while she was talking.

"They are coming now," he answered. "I may as well make my position clear to all of you at once."

He had grown very pale and his heart was heavy within him. He had hardly expected to find the spirit of rebellion so fully developed upon his own hearthstone. Miss Julia and Miss Olivia Potts came in unsmiling and red nosed. They had evidently shed tears since leaving home that morning. Potts held out a hand to each of them with a wistful smile.



"You and they will always know where to find me."

"Well, my dearies?"

"Oh, father, it almost killed us!" And the floodgates were lifted once more.

"And a man's foes shall be they of his own household," said Potts, laughing mirthlessly. "Well, now, I have only this to say—if you three women have any convictions of your own on this subject, you are at liberty to abide by them. That is all I ask for myself. I have no objections in the world for you to amuse yourselves in the various sorts of work women delight in at such junctures as this. I am a Union man, and I suppose I am about the only man in Applegate county who is one"—

"I am sure of it."

"That is what makes it so terrible."

"One man can't be right and every other man wrong, father."

Potts put both hands to his ears.

"One at a time, ladies. As I was about to say, you have no manner of right to question my position, and I do not intend you shall. Of course you can make it deucedly unpleasant for me, but I trust you will try to recollect that I am your father if I am not a secessionist." Then, with increasing choler: "Confound it all! Who wouldn't rather go out and be shot into mince meat in preference to leading the dance you women are going to pipe for me?"

"Then why don't you do it, father?"

"We are not going to lead you any dance at all, Lester. We are going to do our duty, however, as we conceive right by the noble men who are going to prevent the vandal herds from planting its heels upon our necks."

Miss Melanie considered this rather fine, and it put her into a better humor with the situation.

"Well, I suppose we may as well have tea. Of course our home duties are first. We may agree on that if we are as wide apart as the poles in our political convictions."

"Father," said Ollie, looking at him dubiously, "the whole town is going to be illuminated tonight."

"Well?"

"Of course you couldn't consistently take us to see it, but Julo and I want to go dreadfully."

"Bless you, my love, I don't in the least expect to get through this thing consistently. I expect to be giving aid and comfort to the enemy straight through. Consistency is a jewel I can't afford to wear, so if you and Julo want to see this fooling I'll take you, of course."

"We might send for Neddie?" The suggestion brought a very pink flush into Ollie's pretty cheeks.

"Ned Matthews?"

"Yes, sir. He could go consistently enough. He is all on fire with military ardor."

"[illegible] with military fiddle-[illegible] by [illegible] position this minute [illegible] father [illegible]

"Yours! Finish it, finish it. I expect to get used to such stings in the next few years. Perhaps a little daily practice in the bosom of my family may be salutary."

Never before had the old shingle roof of the squat little house behind the oleanders harbored so much bitterness as it did that day. Miss Julia subsided into sullen silence. Miss Olivia wiped angry tears from her eyes. Miss Melanie rubbed her needles with irate energy. The apple of discord had been flung into their midst. Mr. Potts finally broke the silence which was becoming painful.

"Is Edward Matthews going into the army, Olivia?"

"Yes, sir."

"Who is going to look after his mother? He came out here for her health, and the salary he draws from me is all they have."

"Yes, papa, he has weighed all that, but he says he considers his first duty is to his country, and he knows we won't let Mrs. Matthews suffer. Neddie will look perfectly lovely in a uniform."

"Perfectly," her father repeated, with a scoff in his voice, and the jarring note vibrated harshly through the little home circle.

The hissing of a skyrocket carried them all to the front door presently. The inconsequent shouting of boys greeted its advent.

"Come," said little Potts gravely, "let us go and assist in celebrating a people's folly."

CHAPTER VIII.

Belhaven heard it and life resolved itself into—Reginald! Reginald was going into the army. He was going as a first lieutenant, which was almost as good as being a captain. Surely never was such a handsome fellow as he when he donned the uniform of the Applegate sharpshooters. And all that splendid vitality, that superabundant energy, was to be devoted to the service of his country, with never a thought for the luxurious leisure which had gone before. It placed him on a pedestal and left neither time nor inclination for anything but wholesale idolatry of the hero of the family.

Miss Monckton voiced the sentiment of the entire circle when she came into the room where Marianne was packing her brother's traveling bag.

"Reginald has given us a very bad time of it lately, but I have not a hard feeling against him. You know he may never come back to us." Marianne flashed an indignant look up at her from her seat on the floor.

"Monksey, you can say the most exasperating things! Of course Reggie will come back. It will not be more than a month or two that we will have to live without him. And as for that other matter, he has suffered enough already. I should say we couldn't have any hard feelings. What are lands and houses at such a time as this?"

Miss Monckton ejected a sniff of scorn through her aristocratic nostrils.

"Oh, well, there is no use in the world taking such a very sublimated view of things as that! I can't, if you can. Houses or at least one is really essential. We will have to live somewhere, as we are not all going to be lieutenants and camp out. Has Reginald told you what we are to do if that fiend chooses to take possession of Belhaven during his absence?"

"Oh, Monksey, don't! I am trying to forget, and I am so glad there is so much to do for him."

She bent silently over the open bag and resumed her work. There were tears in her eyes. One or two fell upon the white silk handkerchiefs she was adding to her soldier's outfit. Miss Monckton threw a small parcel into her lap.

"Find room for that, my dear. It is a housewife, and I've worked horseshoes and four leaved clovers all over it. You know they stand for good luck, and Reginald is going into many a perilous place."

"Of course he is," said Max, lounging into the room with the silver roweled spurs he had been burnishing for his brother. "I only wish it was me instead of Reggie, that's all. It is a confounded nuisance to be told at every breath you are too young to go. Here before we can say Jack Robinson Reggie is coming home covered with glory"—

Miss Monckton interrupted him with gruesome alacrity.

"Or with scars. Oh, don't talk to me about the pomp and circumstance of war. It is butchery pure and simple, and if ever the men do let women have their rights I warrant you we can settle all the quarrels without cutting each other's throats. It's a godless business from beginning to end. If I had a son"—

"Wouldn't he be a duffer!" said Max irreverently.

Marianne interposed in the interest of peace:

"Monksey, please, you and Max, stop fussing about that son of yours. He is a chronic bone of contention, and I'm sure between you all something will be left out of this bag." She puckered her brow reflectively. "Let me see. I've put his silver boot hooks in one of the pockets of your housewife. I hope he won't lose them. They belonged to our dear papa. A dozen silk handkerchiefs ought to do him, don't you think?"

"I should think so. How about a mosquito bar?"

"Oh, I've got that in!"

"Toilet soap?"

"Yes, and shaving soap, too, but I've left out his nailbrush, and Reggie is so particular about his hands."

Here Maxwell clashed his spurs together like cymbals and gave vent to a guffaw that stirred Marianne and Miss Monckton to wrath.

"Gee, but women folks have funny notions about soldiers! Boot hooks and bars! Shaving soap and nailbrushes!"

"One can be a gentleman, Max, if he is going to stand up to be shot at, and I know my brother Reginald would rather die with a clean face than a bristly one. Because a man has been accustomed to the elegancies of life is no reason he should give them all up at once, nor will he be any the poorer soldier for a little decent comfort."

Max struck a military attitude and inflated his lungs:

"Soldiers, attention! Boot hooks to the front! Shoulder nailbrushes!"

This pleasantry elicited a sniff of scorn from the two women.

"Who is Reginald going to take with him?" Miss Monckton asked, turning her back on Max.

"As body servant?"

"Yes."

"Mammy Jane's Mose, and he is the proudest darky on the plantation."

"That's kase he ain't got the sense he was borned with."

Mammy Jane advanced this opinion, as she waddled into the room with another contribution for that much put upon traveling bag. It was a quart bottle full of some dark liquid. She was binding the kid thumb of an old glove about its very prominent stopper as she walked.

"Honey, you must find room for this, if everything in that bag baster to make way for it."

"But what is it?"

"Balsam apple in whisky. When them boys of our'n gets to foolin around with guns an things, somebody's mighty liable to git hurt, an there ain't nothin on the top of the universe like balsam apple for a cut or a gun wound. This is bound to go 'long with them two boys of our'n."

Marianne took the bottle from the old woman's hand. She was quivering in every nerve. If only she could have these last few hours all to herself! What with all this ghastly talk about scars and wounds, how was she to keep up a brave front until that dreadful goodby had been said? Rescue was at hand.

"Little sister, put on your hat and come with me."

Reginald was leaning over the window sill. She sprang to her feet with a quick response and joined him on the terrace in another minute.

"Oh, Reggie, if you had not called me I think I should have screamed out in another minute! And yet they mean it all in loving kindness."

"I know, I know, but Monksey and Mammy Jane are rather a strong combination for any set of nerves at the best of times. I wish I could leave you with another sort of companion."

"Oh, that is all right! I did not mean to complain. They are both perfectly devoted to us, and I am an ingrate."

Reginald threw an arm about her shoulder and drew her tenderly nearer to his side.

"No, you never do mean to complain, dear. Marianne, you are a little angel, and if I did not believe I should live to repair the wrong I have done you I should never want to come back at all."

"Hush, hush, hush! If you have only brought me out here to talk like the rest of them, you had better have let me go on with my work."

"No, I brought you out here to say some things I did not care to say before the rest of them. We will go to the old garden seat."

The old garden seat stood between two somber cedar trees near the marble vault which held the dust of old Tony Belknap and his wife. Marianne had often curled herself up on its crumbling planks to study the task of an hour or to ponder the problems of a future in which she recognized grave responsibilities for herself touching Maxwell. A pair of blue jays reluctantly made way for them as they came toward the bench. A carpet of cedar berries and fallen leaves lay thick about the seat. The fragrance of sweet olive was on the air. A spray of crimson trumpet flowers trailed its graceful length over the weather stained marble of the tomb.

Across the high hedge of osage orange there came to them, softened by the distance, the voices of care free slaves singing over their work of picking out the cotton. December though it was, there was balm in the air which made it a pleasure simply to exist. Marianne drew a deep restful breath and folded her hands contentedly on her lap.

"Oh, Reginald, why can't we go on this way forever? This is such a lovely, calm world, if only man would take it from the dear Father's hand just as he made it. Why do you all have to come to blows over the negroes? I am sure they are happy enough. Just listen to them singing as light heartedly as so many children."

Her brother did not answer her. Perhaps her little rhapsody had fallen on deaf ears. He sat toying with the long ribbons of her garden hat, while his eyes absently traced the shadows cast by the vines that clothed his mother's grave. He wished that his last hours at Belhaven might have been spent without reference to Whitney, but a letter received that morning made this impossible. His first words struck a jarring note:

"Marianne, my love, I must prepare you for a most disagreeable possibility. I had supposed that the man who—who"—

"Now owns Belhaven," said the girl, looking him steadily in the eye.

"Would himself be going into the army, and that matters might be left in abeyance until this affair between the sections is settled."

"It may take years."

Belknap gave his handsome head an arrogant toss.

"Hardly. But today I have a letter which makes me fear you may be disturbed while I am not here to help you."

She turned very pale, but, true to her resolve not to weigh this wrong in the balance against the brother who was about to face untold perils, she laid a soft hand on his and said gently:

"Well, we have talked the removal over before, dear. There is the old Walker place, mamma's old house. Perhaps I had better have it overhauled at once. I should not like this man to demand possession, I not being in a complete state of readiness to go. Our people will stand by me through anything that may come, and I don't want your last moments to be anxious ones. Remember how many I have in family—Monksey, Maxwell, Mammy Jane and Uncle Toby. Why, I am very rich in friends, if my darling brother is going away from me to become a hero."

"If the valiant deeds of a thousand heroes could be condensed into one stroke of my saber, Marianne, I could never emulate the heroism you are displaying at this moment."

"I a heroine! Oh, you precious old simpleton!"

"I have written to him that I demand the courtesy of a month's warning should he desire to take possession of Belhaven early in the year. He does not own our people. My idiotic deed reads 'house and land.' That brings me to another possibility. So far the negro's status is undisturbed. We fight to retain him. The other side fights to free him. Should he become a freedman and I not here to provide for you—oh, my darling!"

"I should still not be friendless. I should have the dear Lord to help me."

"Such faith passes my comprehension, and I confess I should much rather think of you when I am away as having some wise and strong human friend to turn to at any moment you might need one."

"Wise and strong human friends are none too plentiful," said Marianne, shaking her head sagely. "I am afraid that neither Monksey nor Mammy Jane comes under that head."

"Most emphatically not."

"And I have lived so long on the plantation that I have not a very extensive visiting list. How would Miss Melanie do at a pinch?"

"A good natured little gossip."

"It is to her credit that she can be a gossip and good natured at the same time. Don't worry about me, Reggie. We have fallen upon serious times, and if in the 16 years of my life I have learned nothing of self reliance I must be a poor creature indeed."

"I know of one woman, and but one, to whom I should like to commend you in the hour of your possible need."

He stopped, and Marianne, turning to look at him, caught the illumination of his face.

"And that one?"

"Is Miss Bascom."

"That strange Miss Bascom whom people say is like a frozen statue!"

"What fool says that!"

"Miss Melanie. She and the Potts girls have called on her, and Ollie declares she is afraid of her."

He turned and clasped both of Marianne's hands in a grip that caused her to flinch.

"Promise me, little sister, that you will [illegible] this is nonsense. I will be going away from you tomorrow, perhaps never to [illegible]. It would comfort me as nothing else in life could to think of Miss Bascom as your friend. She is a [illegible] woman, above, far above the littlenesses that consume the half of the women in the world."

"And," said Marianne, smiling roguishly into his flushed face, "my brother Reginald is very much in love with her."

"Your brother Reginald adores her."

"While she"—

"Entertains a natural and wholesome contempt for him."

"Then I do not want her for a friend of mine."

"Loyal, but foolish, my sister. Come, I must have your solemn promise before we leave this spot that, should any emergency arise after my departure that you do not know how to cope with, you will go to Miss Bascom for advice."

"If she does not like you, she might"—

"Promise me, Marianne."

"They say she is not in sympathy with this movement."

"That has nothing whatever to do with the matter. I want your promise. She is too great a woman to let any private prejudice warp her judgment. Promise me."

"I promise, Reginald. I [illegible] how desperately in earnest you are. You make me feel that something dreadful must happen to you!"

"Now you are talking like the dear little goose you are. We will go back to that bag of [illegible]."

One more [illegible] day [illegible] and tender [illegible] and then the little town of Cloverdell [illegible] with a gay fanfare of trumpets and bugle, much [illegible] handkerchief waving and much [illegible] as if its fathers [illegible] going to enter the [illegible] knights of old.

Jessica Bascom had [illegible] into town to say her final farewell to the colonel. She stood [illegible] the balcony of the town's one hotel—a statuesque noble figure. The Applegate sharpshooters filed past her, with the superb figure of her father in the lead. She flung him a kiss from the tips of her fingers. It was hard to give him up in such a cause. She wished she could share in the foolish enthusiasm which was sustaining all the rest of the women about her throughout what must be a fierce ordeal, but she could not. By her father's side rode his first lieutenant, a splendid specimen of vigorous young manhood. He lifted his cap as his horse brought him under Jessica's balcony. One kind glance from her lovely eyes would have set his pulses to bounding joyously. It did not come.

With lowered crest he rode past wondering if the day would ever come when that frozen indifference would give way to a kindlier estimate.

The colonel turned to him with a smile of encouragement. "You have to win your spurs, my boy, before you can hope to gain a smile from those austere young lips."

"Then—you—I—did not know"—

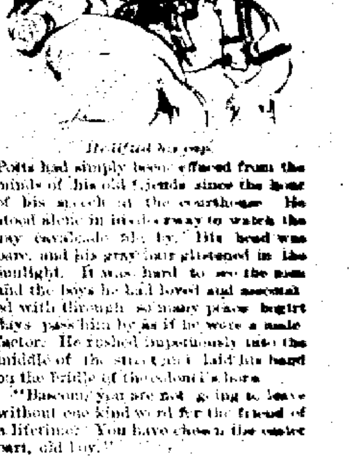
"That you had been wearing your heart on your sleeve? I am not totally blind, dear boy, nor a particularly harsh judge of the female sex, but I must admit that Miss Bascom in common with other fine specimens of her sex, is absolutely uncompromising in matters of morality."

"I think an offense against good taste is the unpardonable sin with her, and she is right. She is always right. I ask nothing better for my young sister than to have her model herself on Miss Bascom."

"Bad case," said the colonel, laughing.

Then there were other fair dames for the captain and his handsome lieutenant to uncover to, and other floral showers to bend before, and other greetings to acknowledge, but over and above all the adulation which made their departure a triumphal procession there arose for Belknap the memory of a tall, unbending figure, a beautiful face, madonnalike in its composure, and a swift, contemptuous glance bestowed upon himself in passing.

The line of march selected by the colonel led his men past little Potts' place of business. There was no malice nor intention in this. Little Potts had simply been effaced from the minds of his old friends since the hour of his speech at the courthouse. He stood alone in his doorway to watch the gay cavalcade ride by. His head was bare, and his gray hair glistened in the sunlight. It was hard to see the men and the boys he had loved and associated with through so many peace begirt days pass him by as if he were a null factor. He rushed impetuously into the middle of the street and laid his hand on the bridle of the colonel's horse.



He lifted his cap.

"Bascom, you are not going to leave without one kind word for the friend of a lifetime? You have chosen the easier part, old boy."

The colonel gave him his hand. The moment was too full of sorrowful potentialities for the indulgence of childish resentment.

"Time will show, old friend, which of us has chosen wisely."

Another hand was held out to little Potts. It was Neddie Matthews'. The boy's face was twisted with pain.

"Mr. Potts, take care of mother. I've left her all alone." And standing there alone after the last horse had disappeared around a distant corner and the clamor of voices grew faint little Potts registered his silent vow to be the friend of the widow and the father of the orphans whom desolation must follow in the wake of war.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Fertility of Hybrids.

One of the most remarkable of experiences is the fact of so many leaders of scientific thought teaching that hybrids are infertile in spite of the everyday experience which horticulturists place before them that such a doctrine is wholly untenable. Every one of our several species of sarracenia, or pitcher plants, has been made to hybridize together, and from these hybrids numerous other variations are being raised.

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CALL FOR REPUBLICAN CAUCUSES.

The Republican caucuses for primary election will be held at the regular polling places in accordance with the rules of the Republican party of McKean county on Saturday, March 19th, 1898, between the hours of [illegible] o'clock p. m. for the purpose of [illegible] one person for Member of Congress and placing in nomination two persons for Member of the General Assembly [illegible] and one person for [illegible] and for the election of [illegible] to serve as delegates to the [illegible] State Convention and for the [illegible] district one person to serve as a member of the County Committee for the ensuing year, and that the County [illegible] in the court house in Smethport on Tuesday, March 22nd at two o'clock p. m. and for the purpose of [illegible] the vote of said caucuses, and the election of a Chairman of the County Committee for the ensuing year.

GEO. W MITCHELL, Chairman

[illegible]

Smethport, Pa., Feb. 17, 1898.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for Representative in Congress in the [illegible] District, subject to the rules of the Republican party and to the decision of the [illegible] conference.

[illegible] H. [illegible]

Bradford, Pa., February [illegible], 1898.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce me as a candidate for the office of Member of Assembly subject to the rules of the Republican party

E. F RICHMOND

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 12, 1898.

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R. A. DEMPSEY

Bradford, Pa., Jan. 12, 1898.

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Duke Centre, Pa., Nov. 20, 1897

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JOHN W. CAMPBELL

Kane, Pa., Jan. 4, 1898.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce me as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of McKean County, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

A. W BOYD.

Rew? City, Pa., Jan. 22, 1898.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce me as a candidate for delegate to the state convention, subject to the rules of the Republican party

L. ROGERS

Kane, Pa., Jan. 11, 1898.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce me as a candidate for delegate to the State convention subject to the rules of the Republican party

ANDREW BENSON

Bradford, Pa., Jan. 11, 1898.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce me as a candidate for delegate to the state convention subject to the rules of the Republican party

G. W MITCHELL.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 11, 1898.

MANY of our exchanges have favorably commented on the candidacy of Mr. W. J. Milliken, as consul at New South Wales. Of his qualification and fitness there can be no question and his hosts of friends in this section would be highly pleased to have him receive the appointment. Congressman C. W. Stone would be entitled to the thanks of his constituents if he succeeds in securing the appointment for Mr. Milliken.

THE prompt action of Postmaster General Gary in discontinuing the postoffice at Lake City, S C and offering a reward of $500 for the arrest and conviction of the murderers of the postmaster and child, and $300 for the arrest and conviction of those who burned the postoffice, will meet the approval of all fair-minded people. This is the proper course to pursue and will bring that Ku Klux element of the South to their senses.

JUDGE CHAS. H. NOYES of the Warren-Forest District died at his home in Warren at 6:20 p. m., last Friday aged 49 years, the cause of death being [illegible] and aggravated stomach trouble. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his departure. The funeral was held last Monday. Mr. Noyes, although a Democrat was elected judge of the above district in 1888. He was also a prominent candidate for Superior Court judge, but failed of election.

EDITOR WM. M. SINGERLY of the Philadelphia Record, died very suddenly at his residence in that city last Sunday afternoon of heart failure. The deceased had been suffering for about ten days from a severe cold. While enjoying a cigar in his bed room last Sunday he was seized with a violent fit of coughing and expired almost instantly. He was surrounded by the members of his family at the time. Four years ago Mr. Singerly was the Democratic candidate for governor of Pennsylvania. Mr Singerly has always been a man of great wealth, having inherited a large fortune from his father. As editor of the Record he had great influence in guiding the destinies of the Democratic party in this State. He passed away at the age of 66 years.

EVERY city daily that comes to our [illegible] heavy-scare head lines telling of [illegible] of wars that are liable to [illegible] any moment, owing to the [illegible] of the cause that led to the destruction of the Maine in the harbor of Havana. The simple fact of the matter is that nothing definite will be known until the investigation is finished, which will not take place for at least two weeks. President McKinley is determined to know the real cause of this great destruction of the Maine before he proceeds to act. If the daily papers would frankly say to their readers that there was no news and to wait with patience, things would soon resume their normal condition. But instead of attempting to allay the excitement they do all in their power to increase it by manufacturing false stories to fill up space and sell their papers. We have an able man at the helm of the ship of State. He knows what horrors a war will bring. If war must come, he is determined to know where the blame lies and that the United States will be justified in engaging therein. The [illegible] who are so anxious to engage in warfare, [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible]

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28, 1898.

Few men occupying the position of President McKinley at this critical time would be able to withstand the temptation to do a little spread eagle posing by entering, in talk, at least, to the unmistakable fighting sentiment of the country Whether he has been tempted to do so I cannot say but that he has not done so is known to all the world, and it reflects great credit upon him as a man and as an official and has, beyond a doubt, increased the respect felt for the U S by all civilized nations. Not a line officially indicating what the verdict of the naval court of inquiry will be has been received by either the President or Secretary Long but that very fact has tended to convince the public that the investigation has already shown the court that the explosion which wrecked the Maine was not accidental and that it did not occur inside the vessel whether it has convinced the President and cabinet their active preparations for war show better than anything said for publication by any of them These preparations are for the purpose of putting the country in a condition to hold Spain to a strict accountability if the verdict from the court shall be that the Maine was blown up from the outside as nearly everybody now expects that it will be Holding Spain responsible is likely to cause war, and although not one war like word has been uttered, either by the President or any member of his cabinet, this country is quite well prepared for war.

Our navy is equal to that of Spain in guns and armament, and as superior to it in fighting qualities as an American is to a Spaniard and the following remarks made by a War Department official will give some idea of our coast defenses "From Portland, Me., to the southernmost point on the Atlantic coast big guns and mortar batteries have been planted, and, in case of war, any invading force could not land on Uncle Sam's soil without suffering severely The Pacific coast has not been neglected by any means, and a hostile fleet seeking an entrance to a harbor anywhere along that coast line would find violent opposition One good result of the present critical times, if it only amounts to a scare, is that there will be less opposition to appropriation for coast defenses and for needs of the army and navy"

Justice Harlan of the U S Supreme Court made the following reference to the loss of the Maine in a lecture to the law students of Columbian University It is idle for any man to say he knows how that calamity occurred and any man belittles his nature and lowers himself in the estimation of his fellow men when he expresses the anxiety that it will turn out that it was not an accident, but that it was treachery rather than an accident Brave generous men do not want to think so badly of their fellow men We don't want to believe that that was an act of treachery and duplicity we hope it will turn out otherwise And we ought all to have this feeling if it turns out to be accidental we should rejoice If it turns out not to be accidental, we will not hear any more of north south east or west no more of Democrats Republicans or Populists We will hear only of Americans

The President and Secretary of the Navy believe that it would be both fitting and patriotic for Congress to authorize the building of a new war ship to be as good as it can be made, to be named Maine but they also regard as wise the opinion of men in Congress who have studied the subject that it will be best to wait until full particulars of the loss of the Maine can be carefully studied before deciding whether it would be advisable to build any more vessels of the battleship type

Representative Pearson of North Carolina indignantly resents the imputation made in some [illegible] that the fight made by the Republicans of the House to secure modification of the civil service law and rules in which he has been conspicuous among the leaders, is a sham and says he intends, if within his power, and he thinks it is, to see that every member of the House is put on record on this question before the close of the present session There is reason for the belief that President McKinley would have issued an order materially modifying the civil service rules before this had not his attention been so fully taken up with matters following upon the de Lome letter and the destruction of the Maine

The failure to secure unanimous consent for the House to take up the bill already passed by the Senate, providing for the enlistment of two additional regiments of artillery, in order that the government might properly man the batteries of heavy guns which have been planted in connection with our sea coast defenses, owing to Democratic objections, speaks much louder to observant persons than do the war whoops which certain Democrats have recently been indulging in This temporary delay will not affect the bill which will be passed this week but it should serve as a pointer for all intelligent persons

THERE IS A HEREAFTER.

Here is a little pointer for those whose conduct conveys the impression they think there is no hereafter The late lamented Bill Nye once said "Do not attempt to cheat an editor out of his year's subscription to his paper or any other sum Cheat the minister cheat anybody and everybody but if you have any regard for the future consequences, don't fool the editor You will be put up for office some time or want some public favor for yourself or friends, and when your look is a thing of beauty and a joy forever the editor will open upon you and knock your castles into a cocked hat at the first fire He'll subdue you and then you'll curse your stupidity for a drivaling idiot go hire some man to knock you down and kick you for falling"

The country newspaper publisher toils every day to make his paper interesting mentally and mechanically that's labor once in a while a patron comes in and pays a subscription—that's capital [illegible] one moves off without paying [illegible] postmaster sends [illegible] refuse [illegible] and Printer

EUROPEAN ARMIES

A German [illegible] [illegible] armies [illegible] [illegible] he says we could [illegible] the column [illegible] and [illegible] wagons the column would be rather more than 24 000 miles long and marching day and night it would take nearly a year to pass a given point — London Chronicle.

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PATRIOTIC WAR PRECAUTIONS?

In the crisis which the Maine disaster has brought, the country has instinctively and instantly recognized that its first duty was to support the President with all its resources. Nothing has been more inspiring than the universal determination to put full confidence in the head of the nation to furnish him all he asked and to give the world the impression of a united nation supporting a wise prudent and energetic Chief Magistrate

Congress has the same duty [illegible] charge and reputations for wise patriotism will be made or lost as it meets this duty When the Senate passed the bill providing two new artillery regiments it acted on this principle and followed the plain lines of national duty The House in permitting this important bill to take its course is delaying action of vital consequence in critical need [illegible] prevented it will be first and [illegible] because the country [illegible] for it, and the delay by the House of a measure asked by the War Department and approved by the Senate [illegible] distinct note of divided councils to the world

The Navy Department has asked for 1500 more sailors [illegible] Without them our ships [illegible] war not [illegible] the modern sailor on a modern [illegible] To put untrained men into these complex intricate machines is to risk both ship and crew To delay responding to his demand [illegible] Navy Department at the present [illegible] is to diminish national prestige and imperil national safety

The country is clear about this It sees [illegible] and the duty It stands by the President without regard to party and without asking questions It is the duty of the hour and the demand of patriotism Those who oppose this vote for more sailors and still more those who are able through the posts and places they hold to delay any vote on this critical need at this critical hour, are tying the President's hands hampering his action and hindering a peaceful settlement of all open questions

For acts like this no excuse can avail The country is not deceived It makes no mistakes as to personal responsibility We are sorry for any man or men of whom it shall be said when the history of this eventful season is written that when the land needed union in its councils and decision in its action they divided its purposes, delayed its action and refused to grant the President of the United States the force deemed needful by his constitutional advisers to assure peace by preparing for war —Phila Press

HE USED BUTTONS.

It is amusing to people familiar with the capitol to watch strangers examine it, and nowhere are these strangers so amusing as when they are in statuary hall, where there are a dozen or more "echo stones, each of which creates a different sort of an echo owing to the peculiarities of the acoustics created by the formation of the ceiling Men and women, old and young, frequently afford the most amusing spectacles when the solemn guide exhibits the wonders of these echo stones There are also two pillars one on either side of the room which are called the telephone columns and a person speaking in a very low tone near one may be distinctly heard by any one standing near the opposite pillar Yesterday a member's secretary was leaning against the pillar on the south side of the hall when he heard a voice say,

"Oh dear what shall I do My skirt is falling off and I haven't got a pin"

The young fellow glanced around, saw no one near him but observed two young women near the telephone pillar opposite Instantly grasping the situation he gruffly said in a low tone

"Sew it on or use a hatpin"

Both and a slight scream [illegible] two young women look about [illegible] in a [illegible] fashion and [illegible] to one [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] never [illegible] secretary [illegible] [illegible] was too much for the young [illegible] [illegible] fled — Washington T[illegible]

There is a vacancy in the Warren Forest Judicial District caused by the death of Judge Charles H Noyes Judge Noyes was a Democrat elected in the Democratic year though both counties in the district are strongly Republican Governor Hastings is already importuned by the friends of candidates for the vacancy but as the Republican primaries in Warren county—which is by far the larger part of the district—occur on March 17 and a candidate will then be nominated, it is not probable any action will be forestalled by a previous Executive appointment. Wherever it has been possible to do so without embarrassing the business of the district it has been Governor Hastings's policy to defer these appointments until the choice had been made by local authority And it has proved wise.—Philadelphia Press

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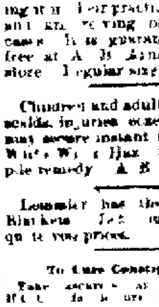

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MONDAY [illegible]

[illegible]

ANNIN TOWNSHIP

Acres	Owner	Tax
40	Pat Hughes	3 [illegible]
[illegible]	J A Sampson & Co.	22 01
1	do	1 [illegible]
5	C A Dolley	[illegible]
49½	do	6 49
100	do	17 [illegible]
100	do	13 15
[illegible]	do	3 [illegible]
217	[illegible] H Arnold and Dolley	33 4[illegible]
[illegible]	Terrance Driscoll	3 0[illegible]
[illegible]	Eugene Mullin	4 8[illegible]
[illegible]	Amelia A Hoff	6 09
5	C. W Burr	7 75
91	Ella Chase	2 [illegible]
[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible] Davis	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible] Kel	[illegible]
[illegible]	George [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	James M [illegible]	2 [illegible]
30	Judson K	[illegible]
41	John Riley	[illegible]
[illegible]	J [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	do	22 14
15	do	1 97
1	Ira Tubbs	1 11
[illegible]	James Hoey	2 74
[illegible]	do	1 64
41	J C Goding	4 05
[illegible]	W., L. L Elbridge	3 74
231½	A. N Lillibridge	4 05
[illegible]	do	12 82
[illegible]	do	36 73
25	Hamlin, Hamlin & Forrest	3 23
112	H. S. Baker and M. A. Lillibridge	18 24
239	do	38 58
50	M. A. Lillibridge	4 97
50	J J McCarey	3 43
67	do	2 31
31	Miss H E. Helwig	2 25
45	John Munn	3 11
25	J R. Vanderbe[illegible]	[illegible]
60	James H Harkens	2 07
10	Mrs. C. A Taylor	3 [illegible]
95	Pat Dunn	3 25
73	Eugene McCarey	5 04
112	W. S. Brownell	2 73
30	A N Lillibridge	2 07
[illegible]	J E Mullin	[illegible]
20	Par B Anderson	1 24

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED LIST

Acres	Owner	Tax
42	L. C. Bridge	9 55
61	James Greer	4 27
2½	U S G McDougal	3 54
6	James Proctor	11 [illegible]
61	Lobarta & Howard	6 11
85	Albert Sage	10 [illegible]
3	D L. Tate	1 36
1	Mrs. Thos. Conolly	[illegible]

BRADFORD TOWNSHIP

Acres	Owner	Tax
19	T W Shaw	3 67
[illegible]	Unknown	8 96
31	E Parsons	3 36
94	do	16 02
144	H S. Baker	22 40
21	do	3 19
60	David Gardogle	9 45
2	Monihan & Baker	47
[illegible]	W S Weed & Co	31 9
10	Horace Little	13 25
604	J. E. Mullin	[illegible] 66
[illegible]	P B Anderson	22 [illegible]

BRADFORD CITY—FIFTH WARD

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED LIST

Lot	Owner	Tax
lot 30, Cottage Row	H [illegible] Campbell	1 6
1 lot, Cottage Row	Sam Olive and	[illegible]
1 lot, 35 Lockes [illegible]	Mary Con[illegible]	[illegible]
1 lot, Hillside Ave	John Downey	[illegible]
1 lot, 16 Leonard	John Green	[illegible]
1 lot, 58 E. Main St	B. F Howland	2 30
1 lot, [illegible]	Mrs. L. A Hancock	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

CORYDON TOWNSHIP

Acres	Owner	Tax
[illegible]	H. A. J[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	S. A. Mor[illegible]	[illegible]
600	Harry D[illegible]	[illegible]
1000	do	122 00
1000	do	[illegible]
1	Weed & Co.	25 1[illegible]
400	do	66 0[illegible]
700	do	42 1[illegible]
605	do	41 [illegible]
1000	do	46 00
329	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	do	63 96
[illegible]	do	29 08
500	Elias Ey[illegible]er	33 00
200	Persis Crandall	20 00
22	L. B Prosser	[illegible]
[illegible]	M A Lillibridge	[illegible]
[illegible]	H S. Baker	[illegible]
[illegible]	L. H. Morrison	[illegible]
[illegible]	H A. Cartwright	[illegible]
50	A J Pennecost	[illegible]
4	Wm Drew	[illegible]
[illegible]	C. H. Foster	[illegible]
100	P B Anderson	[illegible]
21	Mrs. R. T Hotchkiss	42 56
280	Effie D French	20 29

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED LIST

Acres	Owner	Tax
5	H. A Jamison	29 22
5	do	35
10	Woods Bros.	28 0
[illegible]	Clark (Lumber Co)	[illegible]
50	G L Friedenberg	[illegible]
25	Unknown	2 41
10	Penn Tanning Co.	25 [illegible]

CERES TOWNSHIP

Acres	Owner	Tax
73	E. D Lovelidge	6 10
61	C. S Carey	3 27
11	Hamlin, Hamlin & Forrest	1 43
15	do	4 9[illegible]
85	Weston Bros	24 66
45	do	12 45
11	John Godding	35 [illegible]
45	F H. Raymond	4 61
43	A. M. Benton Estate	1 [illegible]
50	John Mix, by	2 05
80	Patrick McGarvick	8 43
34	M. C. Roberts	3 41
15	do	6
28	L. E Brasee	1 [illegible]
[illegible]	W B C [illegible]	12 44
[illegible]	J. A. D[illegible]	10 56
[illegible]	Kelley [illegible] s Est	3 [illegible]
[illegible]	J C [illegible]	4 1[illegible]
[illegible]	Jno. J Roberts	3 [illegible]
6	do	41
6	do	41
60	S. J Larson	4 07

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED LIST

Acres	Owner	Tax
[illegible]	H D A[illegible]	10 27
[illegible]	W. L [illegible]	2 23
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible]

Acres	Owner	Tax
[illegible]	T. C. Wamman	43 01
1	Farmers & [illegible]	122 [illegible]
[illegible]	James Boyd	48 [illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible] Halsey	[illegible]
11½	E. A. Wards Est.	1 71
44½	D M Hoover	2 43
14	S. K Kane	1 44
[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	S D Kane	19 45
[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	Avan O H Kane	5 84
225	E. K Kane	98 85
100	do	[illegible]
100	James H Percival	[illegible]
90	J. L. H White	[illegible]
[illegible]	Mrs. C. W Hornberg	1 77
217	C. L. Watson	90 [illegible]
50	A. J Anderson	3 99
[illegible]	J W M[illegible]sander	1 15

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED

Acres	Owner	Tax
1	W W [illegible]	3 [illegible]
30	Peter [illegible]	[illegible]
94	Wilbur Irons	22 1

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP

Acres	Owner	Tax
[illegible]	[illegible] Co	[illegible]
[illegible]	do	[illegible]
784	Mrs. M A. Backus & Wm. B[illegible]	373 10
250	J Dean	[illegible]
248	Ward & Co.	[illegible]
163	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	O. D Coleman	[illegible]
[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	W W Cheney	[illegible]
225	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	T C. Green	[illegible]
[illegible]	W F Anderson	[illegible]
210	F R. [illegible]man	14 00
[illegible]	James Taylor Est	[illegible]
[illegible]	John McNair & Co.	141 [illegible]
[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	Thos. Keeler	[illegible]
[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	Sarah Ennis	[illegible]
200	S. Patton	[illegible]
100	H. H. Sherman	6 30
[illegible]	L. Vance	[illegible]
[illegible]	W H. Lowen	13 66
100	C. [illegible]man	[illegible]
75	John A. English & J Gilt	[illegible]
175	H. E. Brown	[illegible]
[illegible]	C. W R. Hadaker	[illegible]
20	Massa & Marsh	[illegible]
[illegible]	Mrs. P [illegible] Hancock	[illegible]
[illegible]	Layman [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Penn Tanning Co.	[illegible]
[illegible]	Allen Hancock	3 41
[illegible]	G H Hadsell	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible] Post	[illegible]
[illegible]	Campbell & Bartholomew	[illegible]
[illegible]	L. F Watson	[illegible]
[illegible]	M. Mond	[illegible]
[illegible]	John Gibbs	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Par B Anderson	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	W S Earl [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	John Gocurty	[illegible]
[illegible]	Morrison & Bartholomew	[illegible]
[illegible]	Porter & Co	[illegible]

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED,

Acres	Owner	Tax
1	James Leak	1 65
13	Mrs [illegible] Ready	2 22

KEATING TOWNSHIP

Acres	Owner	Tax
43	Zimri West	323 13
100	do	30 40
[illegible]	H & B D Hamlin	4 79
121	Oliver Irons	6 73
[illegible]	do	4 54
155	Whitney, Greenwald & Dunham	11 46
113	John L. Chadwick	[illegible]
25	Emmett, Brasey & Kirwan	3 64
[illegible]	Cornwell, Eaton & Gay	4 20
[illegible]	W. R. Freeman	7 20
[illegible]	W [illegible] Mason Est	52
[illegible]	P C. Freeman	[illegible]
[illegible]	J C. Backus Est	18 40
[illegible]	do	3 26
28	Conrad Herzog	[illegible]
40	Jas. & C. McKean	3 60
20	Devonian Oil Co. "Henral"	12 93

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED.

Acres	Owner	Tax
[illegible]	Mrs. A. Schoonmaker	5 10
[illegible]	C. [illegible]	5 16
21	Hugh Werner	3 62
77	Swan Johnson	[illegible]
[illegible]	Wm H. Freeman Est	10 16

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP

Acres	Owner	Tax
[illegible]	Z. West	7 53
200	do	16 23
[illegible]	do	4 92
[illegible]	do	3 8[illegible]
150	J W Brennan	14 07
100	J M Tait	[illegible]
[illegible]	do	6 46
15	W S. Weed & Co	11 64
[illegible]	do	624 61
[illegible]	do	671 68
[illegible]	do	27 64
[illegible]	do	73 96
[illegible]	do	53 00
134	do	29 16
[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	do	[illegible]
100	A. Miller	11 10
[illegible]	Greenewald, Whitney & Leacom	[illegible]
[illegible]	do	[illegible]
25	John Hewett	[illegible]
5	Mrs. Z L. King	2 64
60	J C Backus	[illegible]
5	L. L. & F. L. Hawkins	[illegible]
20	South Penn Oil Co.	229 [illegible]
5	E. J Gates	[illegible]
175	do	[illegible]
50	W. H Parkinson	[illegible]
[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	J. Nora & Son	12 77
[illegible]	A. Keesey	[illegible]
[illegible]	Lewis Lane	21 64
49	J L. Mullin	1 54

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED

Acres	Owner	Tax
16	W J. McDougal	3 9[illegible]
House and lot	Leamont	[illegible]
4	Johnson Farrer & Treft	96
[illegible]	Oil Well Supply Co	3 [illegible]
54	Tim Sa[illegible]ns	6 36

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

Acres	Owner	Tax
50	A C Holden	3 60
[illegible]	J. L Sanford	2 40
[illegible]	[illegible] Hedges	6 80
[illegible]	C D Marshall	155 21
100	do	63 00
[illegible]	do	[illegible]
41	Godding Bros	28 40
[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	C Kessler	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible] Thomas	7 77
[illegible]	F H Goodyear	2 01
[illegible]	[illegible]	3 15
[illegible]	F H Arnold Est.	3 50
140	[illegible]	10 80
[illegible]	[illegible] Browne	[illegible]
140	E. P Ga[illegible]	70 [illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible]

Acres	Owner	Tax
[illegible]	Geo. S. Ward	1 83
40	do	1 54
21	Henry Evans	56
[illegible]	Henry C Crawford	11 47
295	do	9 65
8	Crosby Lumber Co	2 41
123	W H. Williams	9 22
[illegible]	O H Gallup	1 07
182	E. B Dolley	9 17

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED

Acres	Owner	Tax
[illegible]	C. D Smith	8 74

OTTO TOWNSHIP

Acres	Owner	Tax
[illegible]	Sanderson & Baker	5 00
[illegible]	O N Crow	9 51
67	do	4 44
[illegible]	do	5 [illegible]
[illegible]	Roth & Ross	17 10
[illegible]	Benj Hooker Est	4 41
[illegible]	H. & B. D Hamlin	2 34
54	H. Penn & Co	8 93
800	Chase & Gillis	107 00

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED

Acres	Owner	Tax
[illegible]	W A McDonald	1 61
4	Bartlett & Smith	7 84
[illegible]	South Penn Oil Co	24 00

PORT ALLEGANY BOROUGH

RETURNED FROM SEATED

Lot	Owner	Tax
1 lot, Mill St.	[illegible]	1 03

SERGEANT TOWNSHIP

Acres	Owner	Tax
44	Struble & Daniels	2 11
[illegible]	P & Shelander	3 30
[illegible]	do	2 30
21	John S Swanson	1 07
[illegible]	do	3 [illegible]
250	C. H Boyd	16 64
200	do	21 12
[illegible]	L. [illegible] Board of trustees	45 1[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	44 [illegible]
[illegible]	J. L. Kane	[illegible]
[illegible]	do	[illegible]
70	do	3 50
193	do	6 00
570	J C. Backus	5 60
120	Jos. Stolt	7 92
5	Jno. O Ferry	4 06
900	Penn Chemical Co.	86 [illegible]
[illegible]	do	140 40
610	do	27 08
75	H L. Howard	7 70
40	W. S. Brownell	4 08

SMETHPORT BOROUGH

RETURNED FROM SEATED

Lot	Owner	Tax
Out lot, 8	H Cleveland	1 50
[illegible]	J. G. & E. L Williams	15 4[illegible]
Out lot, [illegible]	Mrs. E. M. Bishop	77
[illegible]	O. E. Greeley	10 80

WETMORE TOWNSHIP

Acres	Owner	Tax
[illegible]	Elizabeth D Kane	20 85
[illegible]	do	19 4[illegible]
350	do	332 82
350	do	642 61
254	do	164 69
[illegible]	do	4 05
60	do	[illegible]
80	do	56 06
254	do	190 [illegible]
81	do	16 85
[illegible]	do	18 00
[illegible]	do	23 12
[illegible]	do	13 67
161	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	do	85
10	do	1 60
611	do	452 57
181	do	7 23
[illegible]	do	3 00
41	L. O N Kane	12 61
[illegible]	do	21 [illegible]
[illegible]	do	12 4[illegible]
51	do	17 43
[illegible]	do	11 87
[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	do	12 23
[illegible]	E. K Kane	[illegible]
6	do	18
[illegible]	do	210 [illegible]
[illegible]	do	26 41
[illegible]	do	20 [illegible]
[illegible]	do	36 [illegible]
16	T L. Kane	[illegible]
[illegible]	Penn Tanning Co	13 [illegible]
[illegible]	do	12 [illegible]
121	do	34 16
[illegible]	G. P [illegible]	81 00
[illegible]	James Bros	14 74
[illegible]	do	4 63
[illegible]	do	10 52
[illegible]	do	32 45
[illegible]	E M Payne	13 [illegible]
[illegible]	do	13 [illegible]
[illegible]	do	13 29
[illegible]	Stone, Weston & Co.	13 [illegible]
[illegible]	do	13 [illegible]
[illegible]	do	13 [illegible]
[illegible]	do	13 [illegible]
[illegible]	do	13 [illegible]
[illegible]	E T Stone	16 [illegible]
101	A J Hazelton	6 14
[illegible]	Gillis & Weston	14 99
112	Jno. McNair & Son	6 69
[illegible]	do	13 [illegible]
[illegible]	do	13 [illegible]
[illegible]	do	31 [illegible]
[illegible]	do	6 00
[illegible]	do	247 60
[illegible]	O B Lay	2 90
117	Hazelton, Weston & Co	6 64
[illegible]	Thos. Keeler	13 21
[illegible]	do	11 80
[illegible]	do	14 2[illegible]
[illegible]	Stone & Hazelton	18 1[illegible]
6	Davis & Weston	5 [illegible]
[illegible]	Wiggans & Frelinghuysen	7 55
[illegible]	Mrs A L. Halleck	2 03
[illegible]	do	14 [illegible]
[illegible]	Koessler & Phillber	6 15
160	Oscar Berlin	9 40

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED

Acres	Owner	Tax
22	Frank Hanson Est	1 23
65	Herbert Anderson	4 09

KANE BOROUGH

RETURNED FROM SEATED

Lot	Owner	Tax
[illegible]	Thos Carrig	1 76
[illegible]	Sherwood Robison	4 69
[illegible]	Richard Deign	2 30
[illegible]	Mrs. C. A. George	64
[illegible]	Mrs. E. Cook	1 81

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[illegible]

[illegible] pianos [illegible]

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Horses,	25 Pails of Acme Stock Food,
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Jan. 4 1898 Smethport, Pa.

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Feb 3, 1898. Smethport, Pa.

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You will never regret the good resolution you have started. For sale at all first-class cigar stands in Smethport and vicinity.

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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, MAR. 4, 1898.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Maine.

Teem with grief, and fling old glory.
To the breeze, at half mast high!
Never did a sadder story
On the wings of lightning fly;
Than the message, from her master,
Telling how the fated Maine,
At Havana, met disaster—
How her gallant crew was slain.

When upon a peaceful mission,
As the ship at anchor lay;
Of no danger a suspicion,
Lurking in the placid bay,
From the murky waters under,
When it seemed that all was well,
With a fearful peal of thunder,
Burst the lurid flames of hell!

How the walls of steel were riven
By that fierce, infernal blow!
Never stroke so foully given,
By a mean and treacherous foe.
Shuddering, then, the stricken giant,
That so proudly o'er the wave
Bore the starry flag defiant,
Sank to an untimely grave.

While to scores of seamen sleeping,
Was the slightest hope denied,
E'en a moment's time for leaping
From their hammocks, ere they died!
Not midst roar of cannon, blending
With the ring of answering cheers;—
Sound of hostile missiles rending—
Sweeter strains for dying ears;

Though they perished on the pillow,
And not in the glorious fray;
Or upon the raging billow,
Heroes none the less are they;
None will say that song and story
Should withhold from them the fame;
Or deny their end the glory,
Of the battle's smoke and flame.

Though our noble ship may never
Sail again the ocean blue;
In the country's heart forever,
Is enshrined her martyred crew;
While their sleep will know no waking,
'Twould a fitting tribute be,
If their fate should haste the breaking
Of the day of "Cuba free."

War and Famine—hateful allies!
Would no longer then defile—
Desolate the hills and valleys
Of the ever faithful isle.
We can see this consummation;
That they did not die in vain;
Their reward, a rescued nation,
From the bloody grasp of Spain!

—CHARLES A. OLMSTEAD.

—Treasurer's sales this week.

—Houseworth will be here Monday. See adv.

—Marcus of Olean has a change of adv. this week. Always something new.

—John Walkinshaw moved his goods into the Grand Central store room last Monday.

—The Mt. Jewett News desires to start a swearing off swearers club. A most commendable idea.

—Rev. J. H. McCandless preached in St Joseph's church, Port Allegany, on Wednesday evening.

—Do not fail to read the very interesting letter from Mrs. Cummings in the March Ladies' Home Journal.

—McCoy's Drug Store calls your attention to something new in their line this week. Guy says it pays to advertise.

—Olmstead our poet has written up the sad disaster that befell the ill-fated battleship Maine and her brave crew in the harbor of Havana in a touching manner.

—According to Susan B. Anthony, man is "woman's natural enemy." Before accepting Susan's word for it, however, it is quite proper to inquire if Susan was ever held by the enemy.—Olean Times.

—Married, in this village, on Saturday, Feb. 26, 1898, in the Methodist church parsonage, by Rev. Ira Taylor Walker, D. D., Mr. Charles Van Alstyne with Miss Catherine Hanger, both of Duffalo.

—T. H. Purtle has had a [illegible] sign painted with letters so large that they can almost be read from Prospect Hill with the naked eye.

—The following letters remain in the post-office at Smethport for the week ending Feb 26, '98: Willie Brown, H. M. Berkley, Minnie George and Mida Hooker.

—The [illegible] of Williamsport are [illegible] rather long yet. They are talking of purchasing ex-Mayor W. G. Elliott's residence on Fourth street, valued at $40,000, to be used as a club house.

—Tom O'Brien on Tuesday last purchased the Tyler farm, on the road leading from East Smethport to Colegrove, of E. M. Windsor. Mr. O'Brien will move his family thereon in the near future.

—Last Tuesday reports reached here of the destruction of the dwelling of Chief of Police Bynam at Kane. The origin of the fire is unknown. There was some insurance on the building and household goods.

—One hundred and sixty converts confessed Christianity during the revival meetings recently held at Port Allegany. —Emporium Independent. Of course they are all singing "I am a child of the King."

—We have discovered by perusing several of our exchanges that Washington has made his annual trip across the Delaware. He must be roving around in New Jersey as no one has reported his return.

—The Guild of St. Mary is a newly organized society of the girls and younger ladies of St. Luke's church. Purpose: For assistance to the rector in church worship and work and for mutual good to members.

—A plan is laid for raising the means to bury the friendless inmates of our county almshouse, on the farm. An entertainment will be given at the opera house April 11 or 12 for that purpose. Particulars later.

—The Ladies of the Maccabees gave a surprise party last night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gifford, the occasion being the tenth wedding anniversary of that couple. There was a large crowd present and a most enjoyable time is reported.

—Early last Sunday morning the nine-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jones died of pneumonia. The funeral was held at St. Elizabeth's church Tuesday at 10 a. m., Rev. Father Flood officiating. Interment in St. Elizabeth's cemetery.

—Patrick McCabe, an influential citizen and farmer, died at his home on Barden brook last week, aged 60 years. Mr. McCabe had been ill for a couple of years. A widow and five children mourn his departure. Funeral was held Sunday at Eldred.

—Will Brother Lillibridge of the Port Allegany Reporter clothe himself in patience in regard to the Wilkesbarre cause now pending in court there? As an attorney he ought to know better than to attempt to sum up the case before the evidence is all in.

—The MINER is in receipt of the first quarterly for 1898 of the Alfred University. Among its many interesting features is a half tone cut of Mrs. Belle W. Heinemann of Colegrove, with an abstract of a lecture delivered by that lady at the university last November.

—On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. T. A. Morrison entertained the Chautauquans, past and present. After the literary work had been disposed of the guests were served with a dainty luncheon and all present decided it was better to be a Chautauquan than a king.

—J. W. Wall of Loganstown, a graduate of State College, has been engaged to take charge of the creamery this year. The creamery will be open on April 1st. All our farmers who possess a dairy should avail themselves of this opportunity and take their milk there.

—The editor of the Bear Lake Record pays the following worthy compliment to the honesty and integrity of lady subscribers: "If all our subscribers were women we would have very few bills to send out. As a rule women who subscribe for local newspapers, pay in advance, and we have often thought the men who paid promptly were influenced by their wives."

—Walter Grubb and Frank J. Collins fulfilled the scriptural injunction, to help the poor and needy, in Bradford last Saturday. The family of William McCarty, formerly of this place, were in destitute circumstances. The above gentlemen raised $25 and thus relived their immediate wants. This kind of religion stands above par as there is no alloy in its make-up.

—The department for string instruments, Smethport Glee Club, is making good progress under the leadership of E. E. Heath. Rehearsals occur each Monday and Thursday evenings. The officers of the Glee Club are: President, Victor Benton; Treasurer, Ralph Gleason; Secretary, F. H. Chase. Arrangements are being made towards perfecting a permanent organization and obtaining suitable rooms for rehearsals.

—Smethport elected three lady school directors. They were nominated in the Democratic caucus but Republicans at once saw the storm coming and sought safety by "getting on the big side" at the polls. The funny fellow who edits the MINER was completely prostrated by the shock. The whole affair was so different from the scene at the court house last November.—Kane Leader. Mistaken, as usual. The MINER man supported ladies for school directors at the Republican caucus.

—Although E. R. Sherman was elected coroner last November, he came very nearly losing his position. In filing his bond he understood that it should be done within the first three months of the year 1898 instead of within three months following the election. As a result the bond was a day late and the coroner lost his official head for a short time. Explanations followed and the Governor appointed Mr. Sherman to the office. He has received notice of the appointment.—Bradford Star.

—At St. Luke's church on Sunday evenings in Lent the Rector will give a series of short plain addresses on the following subjects: (1) "Guarding the Citadel." (2) "Bad Language." (3) "Disguises." (4) "The Best Service." (5) "Follow the Leader." The sermons will be in the above order, and are designed to be of some practical benefit to the young people of our town. The Rector and the St. Andrew's Brotherhood extend a cordial and general invitation to these services.

—It is most promising for future welfare that women are moving in the present effort to improve civic conditions. When they begin to study in organized bodies such questions as water supply, food supply, sanitation of public buildings, street cleaning, contagious diseases, town improvement, ventilation and health of cars, we will arise out of our wastefulness and sloth as a city, and dirt and waste and thrift will not harbor and refuge in so many unsightly, disease-breeding coverts. It seems to augur a general and enlarged housekeeping, housekeeping awakening.—Phila. Press.

—[illegible] has a man who is conscientiously fat. The Palladium tells the story: Charles A. Davis, Fulton, is opposing the use of ballot machines because he is so fat he cannot get into one to vote. Last year he had [illegible] and [illegible] does not [illegible] lawyers [illegible] machine [illegible] illegal [illegible]

—[illegible] of the Era [illegible] in Bradford says: "The dead beat newspaper reader who takes a paper year after year and never makes an effort to pay for it is about on a par with the newspaper thief who steals it from the neighbor's doorstep while the neighbor is not looking. We have some of both types here in Bradford and they would feel mortally offended if any person should ever accuse them of being dishonest. They can find money to pay all of their obligations except those incurred by thirst for newspaper knowledge. They stop short on paying the printer."

—A company of the Blue Lodge Knights of St. Martin was organized last Saturday afternoon, at the call of Rev. J. H. McCandless, rector of St. Luke's church. More than 20 boys signed the promise of purity and temperance and to attend their Sunday School regularly and their church at least once each Sunday. The prospects for this company is even brighter than that of the companies that have preceded it in our town. As the aim is very simple every boy and young man in town should become a member. Meetings each Tuesday at 4 p. m., in the Backus building.

—Friend Olson spreads it on rather thick for one who drove the ladies out of the Republican caucus, when they came there seeking recognition. He says: "The most gratifying thing about the whole matter is that we have three very capable school directors elected, who will see that our schools are properly conducted." It must be said to the credit of the Democratic party that it is not above admitting to public usefulness the remarkable abilities of our mothers and sisters in matters of an educational character.—Port Allegany Reporter. On the contrary, Olson worked and voted for the ladies in the Republican caucus.

—That Thos. H. Purtle is making a success of his new enterprise, the Nunundah Steam Laundry, there is no gainsaying. Starting about three weeks ago with two employees, he now has a force of eight. He has also placed two dandy delivery wagons on the road that for style and beauty cannot be excelled anywhere in this section. Mr. Purtle visits all the nearby towns and is well patronized in all of them. His trade is rapidly increasing and best of all, his laundry work gives such general satisfaction. The MINER man said four years ago that a good laundry would pay here and Mr. Purtle, with his able assistants, is simply demonstrating that our assertion was true.

—An exchange has this to say: "A black ball in a secret society is not a club with which to avenge a personal grievance. It is not a dagger for a coward's use with which to even up an old score. It is not a brush dipped in black paint with which to besmirch the character of one who may hold different views from your own. A black ball is fraternity's shield, to protect not individuals but the order from those who would injure it. It should never be cast with a prejudiced mind or a selfish thought. Remember, it is a serious thing to constitute one's self judge, jury and executioner in one single act without the order's interest demands it." Good advice which should be rigidly adhered to.

A Serious Accident.

Last Tuesday night Mrs. L. Rogers was quietly sleeping in one of the upstairs chambers of the family residence on King street when she was suddenly awakened by an explosion and found the room full of flame. Stooping down she made a rush for the door and gave the alarm. The flame burned her hair and right ear. Miss Etta Gratz, her sister, who was sleeping on the same floor rushed out to give assistance.

Mr. Rogers, who was sleeping on the ground floor, started to rush upstairs and in some manner dislocated a bone in the instep of his left foot. In the meantime Miss Gratz had bravely entered the room and turned off the gas. Some water was procured and the fire subdued without giving a general alarm. Mr. Rogers soon discovered he was disabled for further duty, as a fireman and Dr. McCoy was called in the morning and dressed the foot.

In the room where Mrs. Rogers was sleeping a gas jet was burning. In some manner gas escaped and caused the explosion, which awakened her.

Four large framed portraits of relatives of inestimable value to the family, were ruined; the furniture in the room, lace curtains, books, bric-a-brac and considerable clothing were spoiled. In fact damage amounting to almost $350 was the result.

Too much praise cannot be given to Miss Gratz for her heroic conduct. She bravely rushed in where stout hearts would quail, against such an enemy. She deserves a medal.

A Great Lecture.

Prof. Henry H. VanLiew, Ph. D., of New York will deliver an illustrated lecture on "[illegible]," in the Methodist church next Saturday evening. Doors open at 7:30. Tickets 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children. Prof. VanLiew has lectured before Chautauqua Assembly and Silver Lake. He comes highly recommended by prominent ministers and educators.

I desire to attest to the merits of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as one of the most valuable and efficient preparations on the market. It broke an exceedingly dangerous cough for me in 24 hours, and in gratitude therefor I desire to inform you that I will never be without it, and you should feel proud of the high esteem in which your remedies are held by people in general. It is the only remedy among ten thousand. Success to it.—O. R. Downey, editor Democrat, Albion, Ind. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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That's where Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is. The greatest remedy for the stomach that was ever put together. Absolutely vegetable with the exception of the Pepsin. Are you constipated? Then try Syrup Pepsin. Have you indigestion or sick headache? Then use Syrup Pepsin. Spend 10c for a trial bottle and you will be convinced. Large sizes 50c and $1.00. A true family remedy. At A. B. Armstrong & Co.

The many adherents of the Dr. Chase Receipt Book, in this section will be pleased to learn that the Dr. Chase Remedies may be obtained at McCoys' Drug Store, authorized agents for this section. See adv. in another column.

WANTED—A good coatmaker. Must be temperate and a steady workman. Apply at John Miller's.

Go to Lemmler's for Robes and Blankets. He can suit you. Prices are right.

PERSONAL MENTION.

George [illegible] was [illegible] this week.

[illegible]

[illegible] Lou of Eldred [illegible]

[illegible] Eldred [illegible] this week.

[illegible] of Olean was a guest at the Central last Saturday.

Mrs. Eugene Mullin of Bradford visited friends in town this week.

[illegible] of Farmers Valley was an agreeable caller Tuesday.

Judge A. G. Olmsted of Coudersport was here on business Saturday last.

Nick Dunnigan and W. B. Smith of Kane came over Tuesday to attend court.

R. E. Locker of Kane was in town Monday, well pleased with all the world.

Att'y John E. Mullin of Kane kindly remembered the MINER office Tuesday.

Mose Johnson, the bear slayer of Corydon township, served as a juror this week.

Horace Redfield arrived home from Hobart College, Geneva, last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smith, of Bradford, were guests of friends in town this week.

Mrs. Andrew Reilly went to Kane last Monday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Greer.

Jacob Hafner and J. P. Howard of Clermont were in attendance at court this week.

Hon Geo Griffiths and J. W. Campbell of Kane were over attending court this week.

G. W. Mitchell and W. H. Morrison attended divine service at Mt. Alton last Sunday.

[illegible] H. S. Rogers of Mt. Jewett was a brief but pleasant caller last Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Forrest visited Albany last Friday to visit their daughter, Miss [illegible]

E. A. Colburn of Stickney, this county, was a most agreeable caller at this office yesterday.

J. J. Roberts of Ceres was in town this week and made the MINER office a very pleasant call.

Editor W. L. Lillibridge of Port Allegany pulled our latch string last Monday afternoon for a brief visit.

Mesdames R. J. Stull and W. P. Beck with were most agreeable callers at this office last Monday.

F. W. McElroy arrived from Pittsburg last Friday for a couple of weeks' visit among old friends.

Rev. J. W. Sanborn of Olean, formerly of this place, was greeting old friends here last Friday and Saturday.

Rev. A. B. Wilson, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Kane, was a most agreeable caller last Wednesday.

Attorneys H. C. Dornan and Leon E. Larrabee of Coudersport were in town on business last Saturday.

Mrs. G. L. Palmer of Aiken was a pleasant caller last Saturday and the MINER will visit her home weekly.

Attorney G. W. Huntley, Jr., of Mt. Carmel, Pa., formerly of Emporium, was here on legal business last Saturday.

—A. G. McAllister of Colegrove passed through town last night on his return from Bradford. He reports his brother, Charles, as being very low, with little hope of recovery.

Dan Rixon, the proprietor of the Chautauqua House, Smethport, and T. H. Clark of Smethport were initiated into the A. O. H. Lodge at this place February 17.—Port Allegany Reporter. The Reporter does not state what those cabalistic letters stand for, and it may mean "Any Old Hose" on the farm.

Our Improvement Society.

EDITOR MINER:—

We hear the question asked, What is an improvement society? What benefit can or will such a society be to the borough of Smethport? This question can be answered by asking another. What makes some towns and cities so attractive to live in, so beautiful to look upon? Why are some towns healthful, cleanly, in short, the pride of their inhabitants and the envy of their less fortunate neighbors whose towns are the opposite of all this? It is not because nature has been more lavish to one than to the other, but that public-minded citizens, awake to the best interests of their community, have labored for this end, so that the wilderness might blossom as the rose.

One of the formative principles of the Improvement Society is cleanliness and order, and out of cleanliness grows health and beauty. Its objects are manifold and its methods of work vary with the local necessities and shortcomings of the community in which it is organized. The sanitary condition of our homes and public buildings, the appearance of our cemeteries and public squares, the safety of our sidewalks and highways, the cutting of the tall grass and weeds that adorn some of our streets, the prohibition of floating and decayed garbage and of sewers unconnected with the trunk line, the disappearance of the piles of refuse by the roadside, the planting of more trees, shrubs and flowers, the better lighting of our streets and a general abatement of nuisances common in all towns, wherever found. These are some of the objects for which the Smethport Improvement Society asks your co-operation.

The motto of the Swiss confederacy should be ours as a community: "One for all and all for one." Why cannot an example that is given be patterned by Smethport? In a town where much work was required it was proposed that all industries should be shut down one day, that all citizens should report for work and teams and men should be furnished free. The proposition was accepted and as "many hands make light work," the day brought great changes to the roadsides, the sidewalks, the cemeteries and public and private grounds.

Nature has been kind to us in this mountain town. She has made her face beautiful for us to gaze upon, whether we look to the east or the west, the north or the south. In appreciation of this let us be considerate of the rights of others, and remember the duties we owe each other.

SECRETARY.

On the morning of Feb. 20, 1895, I was sick with rheumatism and lay in bed until May 21st, when I got a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The first application of it relieved me almost entirely from the pain and the second afforded complete relief. In a short time I was able to be up and out again.—A. T. MOREAUX, Luverne, Minn. Sold by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] them to [illegible] After reading to them the law on the regulation of licensed hotels he dismissed them. The constables then made their returns.

Com. vs J. G. Hagglof(?), practicing medicine without a license; guilty. Sentenced to pay fine of $100 and costs of prosecution.

Com. vs A. F. Moore; motion for nol pros granted.

Com. vs David Lovitz; motion for attachment for John Sester and Joe Mack, witnesses, granted.

Court suspended sentence on Carl Carlsor, convicted of larceny. He furnished bail in the sum of $300 for his appearance at the June term.

The court appointed C. L. McCafferty guardian of Charles Crawford and Hattie S. McCafferty.

Florence A. M. Allen vs Frank Allen, libel in divorce; subpoena was awarded for next term.

The court appointed Frank Eckert guardian of Adella Minnie Bishop.

In the matter of the estate of James Christensen, deceased, petition for allowance for [illegible] was filed.

The viewers appointed by the court to [illegible] the [illegible] and damages of widening a portion of [illegible] street, Bradford, have presented their report to the court.

In the matter of the assignment of the estate of [illegible] W. Davis for the benefit of creditors, the court confirmed absolutely the account of the assignee.

In the matter of the assignment of Wilson & Boyd, motion for leave to refile exceptions of assignee's account granted.

Morrison & Bartholomew vs W. H. Parkinson, in equity; motion to dissolve injunction and dismiss bill filed.

C. D. Middlebrook & Co. vs E. N. Mayo; motion to quash warrant of arrest filed and a rule granted to show cause.

Johann Sizer vs Mrs. Charles Russell; motion for order on stenographer to file notes on testimony granted.

Com. vs James Maloney; motion for nol pros granted.

Jennie S. Bly vs Carl D. Bly, libel in divorce; subpoena awarded.

Porter H. Barlin vs Huld Barlin; affidavit and motion to leave money paid into court granted.

Edward H. Brayton vs E. R. Spoulding, et al; rule to show cause why service should not be set aside granted.

James Calvin McElwaine has petitioned the court to grant an order requiring his guardian to file an inventory and final account of his estate. The court ordered guardian to file an account.

In the matter of the estate of Gust Crentz, deceased; petition of administrator to sell real estate to pay debts and order of court thereon filed.

The case of the Com. vs David Lovitz, receiving stolen goods, was called. The defendant is charged with buying brass from small boys who had stolen it from the Erie railroad. The defendant's attorneys made a motion to quash the indictment on the grounds that it was not properly prepared. The court sustained the objection and quashed the indictment.

The case of the Com. vs Eva Yampolski was continued, and the defendant furnished bail for her appearance.

Com. vs L. D. Saxton; motion for discharge of defendant granted.

The case of the Com. vs Joseph Yampolski was continued and he furnished bail for his appearance.

The grand jury completed their work on Wednesday afternoon and were discharged.

Conrad Nelson, Walter W. Lewin and Alion Anderson were sworn in as citizens of the United States.

The court approved of the bond of E. A. Colburn, tax collector of Corydon township.

The court granted a motion for an attachment for L. P. Larson, a witness in the case of the Com. vs Smith & Boyd.

The court approved of the bonds of B. H. Frisbee, tax collector of Keating township, and J. S. Hodges tax collector of Annin township.

Com. vs C. R. Dennis; motion for nol pros granted.

A petition has been presented to the court for a charter for the Birch Grove Swedish Lutheran Missionary church.

The court confirmed the inventory and appraisement of the personal estate of A. S. Elliott, deceased, set apart to the widow, and also the inventory and appraisement of the personal estate of Noah H. Parker, deceased, set aside to the widow.

The following Orphans' Court accounts were confirmed: The first and final account of D. L. Haven, administrator of the estate of Orren E. Haven, deceased; first and final account of Gilbert Moody, administrator of the estate of Grant C. Stull, and the first and final account of Geo. W. Mitchell, guardian of the estate of Jeremiah Mabee.

The six boys from Bradford, Joe Mack, Frank Whitney, Ralph Rockwell, Verne Delair, Wat Seely and Sam Kelly, charged with stealing brass fixtures from railroad shops, pleaded guilty last term of criminal court. Yesterday morning they were called before the court and each held in his own recognizance in the sum of $200 for appearance at June term.

Com. vs. Hearst, attempt to commit rape; not guilty.

The following commonwealth cases were returned by the grand jury:

Frank Brown, alias Frank Kuth, abduction; a true bill.

J. B. Arrowsmith, forgery; a true bill.

Marsh Bigler, larceny; a true bill.

Ben Gilkin, larceny, a true bill.

Edward Murphy, assault and battery; a true bill.

Ida Strobridge, practicing medicine without a license; a true bill.

Mac Windsor, aggravated assault; not a true bill and the prosecutor, E. C. Hubbard, pay the costs.

L. B. Saxton, false pretense; not a true bill and county pay costs.

W. H. and Bert Parkinson, malicious mischief; a true bill.

L. B. Saxton, refusing to pay wages once in every two weeks; not a true bill and the county pay the costs.

John Smith and Hugh Boyd, selling liquor on Sunday; not a true bill and the prosecutor, L. P. Larson, pay costs.

John Smith and Hugh Boyd, selling liquor to minors; not a true bill and the prosecutor, L. P. Larson, pay costs.

John Smith and Hugh Boyd, selling liquor in quantities exceeding a quart; not a true bill and prosecutor, L. P. Larson, pay costs.

Theodore Casser, larceny from the person; a true bill.

George Monroe, aggravated assault; not a true bill and prosecutor, Olaf Larson, pay the costs.

It is, or should be, the highest aim of every merchant to please his customers; and that the wide awake drug firm of Meyers & Eshleman, Sterling, Ill., is doing so, is proven by the following, from Mr. Eshleman: "In my sixteen years' experience in the drug business I have neither seen or sold or tried a medicine that gave as good satisfaction as Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Sold by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

BRADFORD.

[illegible]

[illegible] President of the [illegible] which office he declined.

The [illegible] of Tunungwant Lodge, No. 22, Ancient Order of United Workmen, gave a banquet to their friends at Wildhagen Lyceum Friday evening. Over 250 guests were present and partook of the good things provided for them. Among the guests were members of the A. O. U. W. from Smethport, Gilmore, Eldred City and Duke Centre. The members of Kendall Lodge, No. 122, attended in a body. City Clerk James A. Lindsey acted as toastmaster and the guests were welcomed by Mayor George C. Fuman, in the name of Tunungwant lodge. District Attorney Sheridan Gorton of Smethport was among the speakers of the evening.

Cora Burns, a girl 16 years of age, ran away from her home in this city last week leaving a note stating that it would be useless to look for her as she intended to shift for herself. The girl got as far as Toledo where she was arrested and detained in custody until her father went to that city for her. They returned to Bradford Friday. It is said that before leaving town Cora drew on her mother at the bank for $25. The girl is also said to have collected at various times, money for fairs which, however, she usually failed to turn over to the proper committees. She seems to be thoroughly incorrigible.

The members of the Eno Hook & Ladder Company have a grievance. They claim they are not being treated rightly by the councils. [illegible] complaint is that the new chemical combination apparatus is stored temporarily in their truck room, crowding out their truck and taking its place at first. The new fire-fighter has but one short ladder which the fire boys claim, and reasonably so, would be totally inadequate at some fires. There was for some time talk of disbanding but it is hoped the matter will be amicably settled.

William Foote, an alleged bigamist, was arrested in Bradford recently by Chief of Police Ruddy. Foote was wanted in Erie and it was on information telegraphed here by Chief Woods of that city, that Foote was arrested. Foote is said to have married a Titusville girl several years ago, whom he deserted, afterwards marrying the woman with whom he was living on Chestnut street. He was employed by the B., R. & P. railway and claims to have been married but once.

E. R. Sherman, coroner of McKean county, had a narrow escape from losing his position lately. According to law a coroner has three months after election in which to file bonds for $700. Mr. Sherman's bond arrived in Harrisburg just one day too late and his office was declared vacant. Such a vacancy has to be filled by appointment by the governor. Mr. Sherman applied for the position and received his appointment Saturday night.

Dr. F. W. Winger of this city has been appointed deputy inspector of the State board of health for the Bradford district. This district includes Bradford, Lafayette and Foster townships and the deputy inspector's duties will be to look out for and correct the many unsanitary conditions that now exist.

Grace Lee was locked up last week and kept in the woman's department of the city prison until Monday, when she was taken to Smethport as a witness at the trial of Frank Brown, her alleged abductor. Grace is a bad girl and will probably be sent to the reform school at Morganza.

Since the recent rise in the price of oil the markets are closely watched every day by interested and idly curious persons. Should oil reach the dollar mark, as many are predicting it will, times will doubtless improve and a few idle men be given employment.

A brief meeting of the school board was held last Friday afternoon. Major A. C. Hawkins, the recently appointed president, appointed the various committees who will look after the affairs of the public schools during the coming year.

A concert was given at the Methodist church Tuesday evening in which the best talent of the city participated. The affair was for the benefit of the Epworth League and a good sum was realized.

The report of Superintendent Miller of the public schools, for the month ending Feb. 2 shows a total enrollment of 2702 pupils. This is an increase of 95 over the same month last year.

The annual Bradford race meeting of the Lake Erie Trotting Circuit will be held June 28, 29, 30 and July 1. The classes and purses have not yet been fully decided upon.

LARABEE.

Mr. Spencer returned from Hinsdale, N. Y., Tuesday relieving Mr. Romans, who was called to Little Valley, N. Y. Our night operators are kept in a continual state of effervescence.

The social held at Carpenter's hall Friday evening for the benefit of the Larabee band was a very pleasant affair and netted the band some $12.

Smethport is the center of attraction for many of the Larabee people this week, owing to the Windsor-Hubbard case.

Miss Helen Berg returned Monday after spending a most enjoyable week with friends in Port Allegany.

Miss Martha Berger and Miss Grace Carpenter visited in Turtle Point Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Mac Windsor and daughter, Hazel, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Windsor.

W. L. Lillibridge, ye genial editor of the Reporter, was in town Tuesday.

Miss Luella Moyer of Mt. Jewett is visiting friends in town.

Geo. Hibbard of Coryville was in town Wednesday.

ANNIN CREEK.

F. K. Winship, H. A. Jones, E. G. Tubbs and J. W. Tubbs are in Smethport this week witnesses on the Dr. Strobridge case.

M. Shafer of Allegany and Patrick Bly of Rock Run are leasing land for another test well in this vicinity.

Monroe Welsh and Miss Hittie Dennison of East Smethport have been visiting at O. D. Evans.

Jonas Dinbeck, who has been on the sick list all winter is slowly recovering.

G. O. Buckley was up from Olean last week.

J. S. Hodges went to Olean Saturday.

FLORIDA.

Last Tour of the Season via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The last of the popular Pennsylvania railroad personally-conducted tours to Jacksonville will leave New York and Philadelphia by special train of Pullman palace cars on Tuesday, March 8.

Round-trip tickets, valid to return on regular trains until May 31, 1898, and including railway transportation in each direction, and Pullman accommodations (one berth) and meals on special train going, will be sold at the following rates: New York, $50; Philadelphia, $48; Canandaigua, $52.85; Erie, $54.85; Wilkesbarre, $50.35; Pittsburg, $53, and at proportionate rate from other points.

For tickets, itineraries, and full information apply to ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York; Thomas Purdy, Passenger Agent, Long Branch District, 789 Broad street, Newark, N. J.; Thos. E. Watt, Passenger Agent Western District, Pittsburg, Pa.; or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

The Coming Woman

Who goes to the club while her husband tends the baby, as well as the good, old-fashioned woman who looks after her home will both at times get run down in health. They will be troubled with loss of appetite, headaches, sleeplessness, fainting or dizzy spells. The most wonderful remedy for these women is Electric Bitters. Thousands of sufferers from lame back and weak kidneys rise up and call it blessed. It is the medicine for women. Female complaints and nervous troubles of all kinds are soon relieved by the use of Electric Bitters. Delicate women should keep this remedy on hand to build up the system. Only 50c. per bottle. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co's drug store.

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[illegible] a Robe or Blanket. See Lemmler about it at once.

Frances Elizabeth Willard.

'Tis memory's work to oft recall,
The deeds of valor wrought for all;
To tell of battles and of storms,
Which over rich blood in all reforms
The battles there are plenty [illegible]
The [illegible]
With [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] of light
She [illegible] to fight.

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
The world [illegible]
With [illegible] to fight until her fall.

Her banner [illegible] a ribbon true,
Which told of victory close in view;
The [illegible] falls before the white,
And temperance conquers in the fight.
No bullet e'er could cast her down,
No traitor hand disturb her crown;
Immortal! till the word was given,
Which called our "Leader loved" to heaven.

No warrior sleeps, no statesman's crown,
No poet's fame, no king's renown;
No name so sweet among the great,
Which honor claims in church or state,
Labor is o'er, the rest has come,
And "weary soul" has reached her home;
Last words which speak of victory!
"How beautiful with God to be."

—I. T. W.

W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICES OF THE W. C. T. U.

WHEREAS, In the death of Frances E. Willard, president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, also president of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union, our local Union has, in common with the thousands of Unions established throughout civilized countries, suffered an irreparable loss, therefore

RESOLVED, That we extend to all Unions our profound and tender sympathy, but, further

WHEREAS, The influence of our beloved president and sister will forever remain a vivifying, exalting and dominant moral power throughout the multiform organizations through which vast numbers of noble women will henceforth unite in the promotion of personal purity, social purity, total abstinence, religious character, consecration of life, legal enactments and political prerogatives, best fitted to maintain the welfare and moral potencies of women, therefore

RESOLVED, That, mingled with our human sighs and sobs, praises should ascend to God in thanksgiving for a life so Christ-like in its faith, in its hope for the lowly and in its love to God and to humanity, that it may become an abiding benediction to the lowliest and to the loftiest; in every home and throughout every land.

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Smethport, Pa., March 2, 1898.

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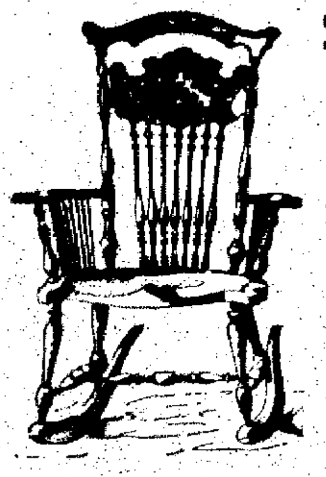

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Every family in town will receive samples of the Dr. Chase Remedies and of Max Home-o Cold Specific this week or call and see us about it.

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OYSTERS,
CANDIES,
CHOICE FRUITS.

[illegible]

By W. J. HENDERSON.

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"[illegible] Let her head! Let go the [illegible]!"

There was half a minute of tense excitement aboard the racing sloop Vandalia. [illegible] rattle of blocks was followed by the thunderous flapping of heavy canvas. Then the lee rail, which had sunk beneath a swirling of green and silver [illegible] till the streak of snowlike foam was hissing along the cabin skylight, slowly rose to the surface. The strained [illegible] ceased to groan as if in vital agony, and the [illegible] humming in the weather [illegible] died away.

"[illegible] her away again! Haul aft the jib and [illegible] sheets!" The Vandalia [illegible] her business of cleaving her way out to windward in a resolute attempt to round the outer mark before the Wayward, her fastest competitor.

"That was a pretty hard knockdown," said Mr. Heath, the owner of the yacht.

"I thought we were going over for sure," said his son George, who, being a boy of 15, had not yet sailed many [illegible].

"I've seen worse," said I, having [illegible] fast the jib sheet and seated [illegible] on the cockpit rail.

"[illegible]," said Mr. Heath, "but [illegible] almost on her beam ends."

"[illegible] all ahead of her still," [illegible].

"[illegible] all about it," said George, [illegible] the struggle of a [illegible] in my mind.

"Yes," said Mr. Heath, "by all [illegible] hear about your famous [illegible]."

A "[illegible]" is a common incident of yachting. The vessel is sailing [illegible] hauled or with the wind [illegible], and a sudden blast of wind heels her over till she appears to be on the [illegible] of capsizing. Good seamanship [illegible]. That is all it amounts to, yet I recalled a knockdown which was [illegible] in its results.

"It was this way," I said. "I was [illegible] on the veranda of a certain clubhouse up the sound one fine July morning when my friend Johnny Moore came up the path with an anxious look in his eye. Catching sight of me, he cried: 'You're just the man! I'm short handed, and the Curlew is entered against the Hookah. Will you join my crew?' I had nothing to do and was ready enough to go. The Curlew I knew well, as I had sailed on her before. She was a cutter of moderate type and a fast sailer in a good breeze. It was just her day, and my spirits rose rapidly as I looked forward to a lively race. Johnny hurried me off to the float where his dingey was waiting, and in a few minutes we were aboard the cutter. I went below and got into a white canvas working suit, a blue watch cap and a pair of canvas shoes. I [illegible] on deck and rapidly got the [illegible], for it was almost time for the preparatory gun, and we were nearly a mile from the starting line. The mainsail and topsail were up, and we speedily set the jib and under the pressure of a good 12 knot southerly wind went [illegible] down to the mark. The preparatory gun was fired before we arrived, and we had no time to do much manoeuvring for position. We had to cross going before the wind, and as we rushed down to the line with half an acre of [illegible] white foam under her bows we [illegible] away the spinnaker boom. I [illegible] to take care of the after guy. The starting gun was fired just as the [illegible] of our bowsprit touched the line.

"'[illegible] out that spinnaker!' yelled Johnny.

"And the great triangular piece of [illegible] sprang from its stops before I [illegible] the after guy fast. The spinnaker boom started to swing forward, [illegible] the guy threatened to pull me over[illegible]. I caught a hasty turn around a [illegible] and made fast.

"'Another moment, Johnny,' said I, 'and you would have lost your spinnaker [illegible], and I would have been swimming.'

"'Look out for yourself,' said Johnny. 'I don't care to lose you overboard [illegible] I've got you.'

"'[illegible]!' exclaimed I, laughing. 'I never was [illegible] from a yacht [illegible], and [illegible] was a cutter so narrow that you had to sit a-straddle of her to keep from falling off.'

"Well, we got down to the first turning mark with a good lead on the Hookah. There we had a ten mile beat to windward, and we knew we could hold [illegible], for going to windward was [illegible] best point. Still we couldn't [illegible] to lose a yard, for as nearly as we [illegible] figure it the Hookah had crossed [illegible] a minute and a half astern of [illegible] had lost only 30 seconds on the [illegible] leg. If she picked up that 20 seconds on the beat, she would have an [illegible] of it on the reach home, with [illegible] a little in her favor, as she [illegible] little larger sparred than we."

"[illegible] about the time allowance?" [illegible] George.

"There wasn't any between us. Our [illegible] measurements were exactly the [illegible]," I said. "Well, going out to windward it was an everlasting nurse [illegible] and squeeze and pinch. I never [illegible] Johnny Moore do prettier work at [illegible], but that blessed Hookah lay [illegible] our wake and seemed to keep [illegible] the same distance astern of [illegible]. The wind was coming in puffs that [illegible] from the north shore of the [illegible], [illegible] the gray water into [illegible] topped wrinkles. We began [illegible] into it a bit, much as this [illegible] is doing now, and to send[illegible] of glittering spray over the [illegible]. But Johnny's racing blood was [illegible] be determined to crack on sail [illegible]. They used to call him [illegible] Johnny—but that's another [illegible]. He gave orders [illegible] jib topsail on the next [illegible] I clambered down to the foot [illegible] the backstay ready [illegible]. The lee rail was in the [illegible] the dazzling white foam was [illegible]. I [illegible] on the rail, the water [illegible], and cast off the tackle [illegible]. The next instant I [illegible] 'Look out there, [illegible] know what was coming. I heard a wild shrieking [illegible] wire ropes above me, [illegible] I saw the mast [illegible].

"[illegible]!' I thought.

"[illegible] I could move the lee rail was [illegible] in a roaring vortex, and the [illegible] rising up to my neck. As [illegible] swept from their slippery [illegible] I seized the backstay with [illegible] grip. The next moment I found [illegible] dragging at an eight knot gait [illegible] the water 20 feet off the lee [illegible] of the sloop. Above me swelled [illegible] cloths of her huge mainsail, [illegible] to come nearer and nearer. [illegible] looked toward the yacht and saw [illegible] waters roaring along the [illegible] and pouring over the [illegible] of her shallow cockpit. All [illegible] were hanging to the weather rail [illegible]."

"'[illegible] coming over,' I thought, and [illegible] the horrible thought flashed [illegible] my mind, 'I shall be caught [illegible] the mainsail and drowned.'

"I heard Johnny's voice screaming at [illegible] on hard, but the vision of a [illegible] struggle for life [illegible] of the great sail [illegible] for me. I let go of the [illegible] went swirling off astern. I [illegible], for now it dawned [illegible] the moment had was four [illegible]. I saw the Curlew slowly [illegible] and then shoot up into the [illegible] dancing about [illegible]. I knew [illegible] back to pick [illegible] had waited. [illegible] from the [illegible]

[illegible]

fast from me, and a rope skillfully thrown fell within my reach. In another minute I had been hauled aboard, and the Hookah had filled away on her course again.

"'Go below and get some hot coffee and dry togs,' said Mr. Harris, her owner. 'Glad to see you aboard.'

"'Thanks,' said I, accepting his invitation.

"He couldn't leave the wheel, so I jumped below, had the coffee, shifted clothes and returned to the deck. And then what do you suppose happened?"

"What?" asked Mr. Heath and George eagerly.

"Why, Mr. Harris politely informed me that he was short one hand, and he'd thank me to turn in and help him beat the Curlew. And beat her we did too, by just the margin she had lost turning the knife and my getting overboard and her starting after me. And the worst of it was instead of giving me credit, Johnny was really angry and almost declared that he believed I had done it on purpose."

"'Ready about! Hard alee! Set drawhead sheets! Slack the lee lift!' shouted Mr. Heath, whirling the spokes about, while George screamed at me as I jumped to my station:

"'Please don't go overboard!'"

THE END.

NO VITAL SPOT NOW.

WOUNDS OF HEART AND BRAIN THAT HAVE FAILED TO KILL.

Living With a Bullet Imbedded In His Heart—Persons Who Have Been Shot Through Their Brains and Survived—Advances In Treating Such Cases.

"For my own part," said the doctor, with a shrug, "I would prefer not to be shot at all, whether in the heart, head, lungs, liver or brain, and yet I have taken note of many cases recently in which persons have sustained gunshot wounds of supposedly fatal character who are still alive and going about their business."

The doctor and his companion were passing a down town museum when the conversation took this turn. Among the freaks pictured and caricatured in front of the building was a man with a ragged bullet wound torn through his heart—which organ was vividly exposed in the flaring daub—while the angel of death was hovering over him, ready to snatch him away at any moment.

"Then," said the doctor's friend, "a shot or a stab in the heart is not necessarily fatal, as it is understood by modern surgery?"

"Not at all," returned the doctor. "But, of course, we are not speaking of wounds as big and terrible as the one in that museum picture. That is apparently even worse than the thrust received by Mercutio—looks about as deep as a well and as wide as a church door. No man who has been wounded like that ever survives more than a minute.

"That man in the museum is alleged to be Charles B. Nelson, who was mysteriously shot one evening while in the company of Mrs. Edith Marguerite Staples in Washington park. The shooting occurred on a night, five months ago, and the man with an ounce of lead in his heart is still alive. Whether he sleeps well and has a good appetite I am unable to say. He was formerly a cyclist of some note. Nelson's breast was subjected to the X rays, and, according to sciographs which were made at the time, the bullet lodged in the septum of the heart—the fourfold partition of muscular fiber that divides the interior of that organ into right and left auricles and ventricles. There it has continued to throb up and down about 100,000 times a day ever since that mysterious shooting, and at every pulsation refuting the old theory of medical science that the touch of hostile metal to man's heart brings death.

"The most skillful and daring surgeon on earth, if he were asked to remove the bullet from Nelson's heart, would shake his head in the negative. So this man must carry his leaden handicap as long as life shall last. Seems strange, doesn't it?

"And yet, notwithstanding what I have said, we have surgeons nowadays who do undertake and carry to a successful conclusion operations on the heart. This is done by opening the pericardium, for example, in cases of dropsy of the heart, and drawing off the fluid by aspiration. A man may have his heart punctured with the point of a knife or a needle and still recover from the injury. It used to be held that wounds of this character were invariably fatal. But a wound of the heart is not necessarily fatal, as is shown in the case where a needle was removed by Callender from the substance of that organ. Cases of like nature have been reported by Drs. Hahn, Agnew, Stelzner and others. More than 50 cases where rupture of the heart walls did not result in immediate death are reported by Dr. D. J. Hamilton, a well known Scotch surgeon and pathologist.

"The case of Poole, a prizefighter, was one of the most remarkable. Poole was shot in the heart while engaged in an encounter with a man named Baker, in New Jersey, in 1855. To all outward appearance he recovered rapidly and in four days felt so well that he expressed a wish to finish the interrupted contest. Twelve days later, however, he suddenly dropped to the ground. Within five minutes he was dead.

"More remarkable still, perhaps, are the numerous injuries to the brain and spinal cord, which on first view would be pronounced fatal and yet from which the wounded persons recover. At Valparaiso, Ind., a man named Herbert J. Fish while in a fit of temporary insanity put a .38 caliber bullet through his brain, and at last accounts he was still alive and apparently getting well. The bullet, by all accounts, passed through the right and left anterior hemispheres of the brain, lodging finally in the posterior bone wall of the left eye socket. In its course the ball destroyed a large amount of brain matter. At the same time it cut the optic nerves of both eyes, destroying the sight. In some way the sense of smell, too, was destroyed.

"Many Chicagoans will remember a tragedy at the Briggs House in this city several years ago, in which a man who was shot in the brain got well. J. S. McDonnell, a well known veterinary surgeon, and his wife were boarders at the hotel. It was in August, 1887. One day there was a great uproar and excitement over a shooting affray in the apartments of the McDonnells. In the quarrel McDonnell was shot by his wife, the bullet entering the side of his head in the parietal bone above the ear and penetrating the brain. Within the next 48 hours the ball was removed by Dr. Alston H. Montgomery, and the wounded man got well. The wife at the same time shot herself in the head, but her injuries were not serious. Old time doctors used to pronounce wounds like that of McDonnell's fatal in every instance and made very little effort to save the patient. Brain injuries are most serious and most often prove fatal when they occur near the base of the brain.—Chicago Tribune.

Trees and the Air.

According to a reliable computation, a single tree is able through its leaves to purify the air from the carbonic acid arising from the respiration of a considerable number of men—as many as a dozen or a score. The volume of carbonic acid exhaled by a human being in the course of 24 hours is estimated at 100 gallons, and a single square yard of leaf surface, counting both the upper and under sides of the leaves, can decompose about a gallon of carbonic acid [illegible].

Far off the fires are burning
Like beacons in the night.

"Far off the bells are chiming!
Away with sigh and tear!
The hill was hard in climbing,
But the summit's cool and clear!

"The [illegible] grow
And all the [illegible]
So [illegible] grow
And [illegible]

(That [illegible]
The [illegible]
But [illegible] bring us
Don't [illegible]

And all the bright suns rising
In [illegible]
With [illegible]
Don't [illegible]
—Atlanta Constitution.

A WAU[illegible]NET WOOING

Miss Leila Hamilton was the chief stenographer in the banking office of Harrison [illegible], State street, Boston. She directed the [illegible] of six other typewriting machines, and she kept her subordinates busy from morning until afternoon.

Miss Hamilton was not only invaluable to her employers. She was also of great use to her sex, in whose emancipation she was most vitally concerned.

Miss Hamilton was, in fact, a fair specimen of the "new woman." Her great ambition was to see woman in the full possession of the ballot, riding on great billows of reform until all the sins of wicked man were swept away in one great tidal wave of feminine votes.

But Miss Hamilton was a very attractive young woman. She possessed large and lustrous blue eyes, which looked steadily and straight into the eyes of others and gave birth to new sensations in the hearts of the wicked men.

In short, Miss Hamilton had all the appearance of being a pretty, happy, guileless chorus girl while she was at heart a combination of Miss Susan B. Anthony and Dr. Mary Walker.

"This year, when my summer vacation comes," she told one of her colleagues, "I am going somewhere where I can rest and where I won't be troubled by men. I have discovered an ideal place at Wauwinet, on Nantucket. It's a little neck of land, and on one side is the surf and on the other the still water. It is out of the terrible rush, and there are a great many women there, and as far as I know not one single man. If that is not a paradise, I do not know what is."

Thus it happened that Miss Hamilton landed at Wauwinet, where she peacefully established herself for three weeks of uninterrupted rest. Miss Hamilton was greeted by a little bevy of women who wore spectacles, had little red noses at the ends of their noses and were plain in their dress and in general strict in their appearance.

"We are so glad you have come," they exclaimed in a chorus, "and it is so nice to have one so young and girlish looking interested in the great 'cause!'"

Miss Hamilton had made only one mistake in her catalogue of the advantages of Wauwinet. As it happened there was a fine old mansion, which had been recently purchased by a party of bachelors from New York city. Here they had established themselves for their first season. Thus it happened that there were really 20 single men instead of none at all when Miss Hamilton made her first appearance.

Miss Hamilton rose early after a fine night's rest. She enjoyed with equal zest her breakfast. Then she started out for a ramble along the beach. She looked down toward 'Sconset, saw the soaring tower of Sankaty light and trudged toward it as a magnet draws its iron.

This brought her past the clubhouse, where, all unknown, she became an object of great interest.

"Gad, Charlie, just look there," called Billy Hills from the reading room, "and don't go too near the window or you will scare her! But, Jove, isn't she a rare bird for Wauwinet? She is the first good looking girl I have seen since we arrived."

"Guess I'll take a little stroll," quietly observed Davy Holmes. "Think I need a little exercise."

"No, you don't!" a half dozen voices objected. "You are too well known. You may disgrace yourself in New York as much as you like, but here we want to be respectable." So "Davy" subsided and bided his time.

A howling northeasterly storm had cut the neck of land on which Wauwinet stands in two pieces. This breach occurred at the spot which had always been called the "Haulover," because it was the narrowest spot where the fishermen hauled their boats over to the other side. It was now called the "Opening" and was growing wider and wider.

Miss Hamilton began at once to harden her muscles by rowing and had rented a small skiff for the season. She came to this opening and, little realizing the danger when the tide was running, she boldly rowed up to it and suddenly found herself carried along toward the open sea by a power as unmanageable as it was imperceptible.

This was on the evening of her first day. Charlie Harris had seen her set out and was slyly following, unseen, behind the hedge of bayberry which grew along the footpaths of the neck.

He thought at first that Miss Hamilton handled the oars in a manner which would be creditable to an amazon. He was quite as ignorant as Miss Hamilton herself of the great danger in which she rowed.

But as Miss Hamilton approached the broad opening which leads to the great ocean she became alarmed. She saw Harris and for a moment forgot her prejudices by calling for help.

It took less than a minute for Harris, somewhat lighter by the clothing he had hastily taken from his back, to reach the boat. Miss Hamilton had forgotten his sex. At the same [illegible] got her prevailing opinion of [illegible]. Her heart swelled with gratitude [illegible] took the oars.

But Charlie Harris was unable to cope with that tide, and the boat [illegible] its two occupants went [illegible] faster and faster until it was among the heavy breakers of the sea.

It chanced also that Charlie had himself been observed, and a party of a dozen young gentlemen were seen to be making hasty efforts to launch a big boat. Then Charlie perceived a party of his friends making good progress toward him [illegible].

His feelings were somewhat mixed. His desire to be saved was divided with the hope that he might have the honor of saving Miss Hamilton [illegible]. He was disappointed, however. The little boat was brought alongside, and the pair was transferred safely and brought to shore.

Then Charlie noticed his own condition and quietly fled without further conversation. Miss Hamilton also came to her senses and started for the hotel without a word.

She said nothing about her adventure to the array of severe matrons who lined the piazza as she approached, and, eating her supper as quickly as possible, she joined the group, which was busily discussing the propaganda of their cause and the campaign which was to be waged for the emancipation of women. Somehow the old subject had lost some of its savor to Miss Hamilton. She talked less and seemed to have lost her animation.

Charlie Harris was also suffering in a different way.

"We are going to apply to the lifesaving service, old man," said Reggie Bowles, "for a situation here to rescue pretty girls in the swimmer, but I'm afraid you'll not be captain, Charlie."

Each one had a little jibe until it was too hot for Charlie. He went to his [illegible] an excellent excuse.

As Charlie approached the hotel he noticed Miss Hamilton, and he quietly cursed to himself when he saw her surroundings. Miss Hamilton also noticed him, and [illegible] desperate [illegible] just [illegible] the [illegible].

"I [illegible]" said, "that I [illegible] Miss Hamilton."

The entire company received it [illegible] with elevated [illegible] Miss Hamilton and Harris had the place to themselves.

At the departure Miss Hamilton found to her surprise that she had [illegible] tully accepted an invitation to visit Sankaty light the next day.

When the two departed the next morning, there was a wave of dismay in the camp of the woman suffragists.

"It is a most disgraceful proceeding, and she is no longer respectable," declared the leader of the crowd, and her opinion was regarded as final.

Miss Hamilton was no longer troubled by their society. Strangely enough she was no longer concerned over the degraded condition of woman.

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When Miss Leila Hamilton returned to the old office on State street, she was discovered to be as charming and girlish as ever, and it was also noticed that certain callers whom she had been wont to receive came no more.

It was further chronicled that there were other things about Miss Hamilton which were new and strange. When the [illegible] came and a letter was handed to her—an event of three or four times a week—Miss Hamilton would turn a little pale and quickly hide it in her waist.

A month later these events had their explanation when Miss Hamilton came to the office with a sparkling [illegible] on her finger, and the venerable [illegible] received her resignation [illegible] seen.—Boston Globe.

INDIRECT FERTILIZATION.

Which Renders Available the Natural Supply of Existing Plant Food.

In spite of all that has been said and written about direct and indirect fertilization there still exists a surprising amount of ignorance. The work of the experiment stations and prominent agriculturists have brought out the facts in this line so plainly that it is a comparatively simple matter for any farmer to understand this subject without any trouble. The subject is treated as follows in The Progressive South:

By direct fertilization is meant the application of certain fertilizer materials which in themselves furnish needed nourishment to the growing crop. The plant foods in which most soils are deficient and which it is customary to apply in the form of commercial fertilizers are phosphoric acid, potash and nitrogen. Every farmer ought to get familiar with these terms and to learn from what sources they are derived and how they should be applied to the best advantage. It is true that the average soil will contain a certain amount of phosphoric acid, nitrogen and potash respectively, but it frequently happens that these ingredients are not in a condition to be taken up at once by the growing crops, and hence it pays to put them on in the form of fertilizers.

By indirect fertilization is meant the application of certain materials to the soil, like salt, lime or plaster, which in themselves do not furnish any of the three essential ingredients mentioned, but by their stimulating action on the soil render available some of the natural supply of plant food existing there. It will be readily seen, of course, that their action is indirect; hence the term "indirect fertilizing."

Probably on no crop has this indirect fertilizing been more extensively practiced than on clover. Many have noticed the effect of a dose of plaster upon clover. The truth of the matter is, that the plaster in itself did not serve as plant food for the clover, but released some plant food in the soil, notably potash, which the clover at once assimilated to good advantage.

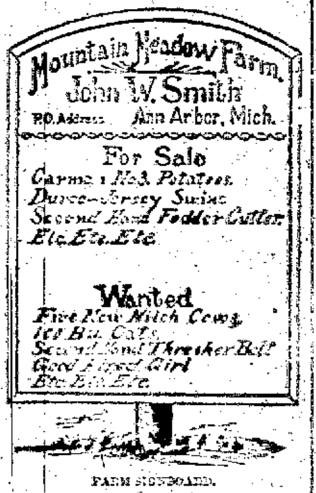
It was also experienced by many of the same farmers that in time it became difficult to get a catch of clover on these lands. The cause of this was that the natural supply of plant food in the soil had been exhausted, and since the plaster in itself, as already stated, did not furnish any of the three essential plant food ingredients they had to be restored from some other source before the clover would grow as before. The shrewd farmer at once sees that it is far more economical to keep up the natural supply of plant food in his soil than to allow it to become exhausted by continuous cropping without any renewal.

Green Manures.

For green manures a writer in The New England Homestead advocates the sowing of cowpeas in May, to be followed by crimson clover from the latter part of August to the middle of September. The clover protects the land during the winter and furnishes an excellent early spring pasture after which it can be turned under for fertilizing purposes.

Farm Advertising.

There are various modes of advertising among farmers. The editor of the Michigan Farmer recommends a farm signboard of planed and matched lumber surrounded by a molding, with the name of the farm and its owner painted



FARM SIGNBOARD.

in large white letters on black background at the top, and with its lower part painted with black paint and liquid slating for using crayons in advertising what you want to buy, procure or dispose of. The accompanying sample signboard illustrates the idea better than columns of verbal description.

A Sure Thing for You.

A transaction in which you cannot lose is a sure thing. Biliousness, sick headache, furred tongue, fever, piles and a thousand other ills are caused by constipation and sluggish liver. Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the wonderful new liver stimulant and intestinal tonic are by all druggists guaranteed to cure or money refunded. C. C. C. are a sure thing. Try a box to-day; 10c., 25c., 50c. Sample and booklet free. All druggists.

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T. F. Anthony, Ex-Postmaster of [illegible] writes: "I bought one bottle of 'Mystic Cure' for Rheumatism, [illegible] good [illegible] medicine I ever took." Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

The [illegible]
Wh[illegible]
N[illegible]
[illegible]

The [illegible] has not found [illegible] have [illegible] the [illegible] lodge [illegible]. Now the [illegible] of every point and [illegible]. Thus the professional [illegible] besiege the mansion where [illegible] the object of the public news hunger. Like death, they knock impartially at [illegible] and at palace doors. Has anybody called the occupant a heretic? What has he to say for himself? Is the League For Landing Lovely Ladies proposing to make his grandmother a public fixture in marble? What are his objections? Has scandal smirched some erring child whom the family would screen? Pump the servants, the neighbors, for fact or fiction about it. Prohibited now are the pillory, the stocks, the public hanging, but the debased appetite turns for its food to the reporter's pencil. What the Roman sage said in a time of tyranny the wise may say in this tyrannous publicity, "He has lived well who has escaped notice."—Outlook.

Early Mention of Tobacco and a Pipe.

An early allusion to the use of a pipe in smoking is to be found in Professor Arber's "English Garner," volume 7, page 120:

"His lordship made no answer, but called for a pipe, seeming to give but small credit to this alarm, and so on horseback, with these noblemen and gentlemen on foot beside him, took tobacco, while I was telling his lordship of the men I had sent forth and orders I had given. Within some quarter of an hour we might hear a good round volley of shot betwixt the 20 men I had sent to the chapel and the enemy, which made his lordship cast his pipe from him and listen to the shooting, which continued."

The above passage occurs in Sir Francis Vere's "Commentaries," (?) 1606, in an account of "The Island's Voyage," which was made in 1597. "His lordship" is Essex. Raleigh was a member of the expedition.—Exchange.

The Coast Defenses.

One-half the number of improved cannon, mortars and emplacements will be created and placed in suitable position ere the expiration of 1898. The Artillery Board is constantly making practical surveys, so far as these relate to the armament and the establishment of adequate military protection of our sea board is receiving strong endorsement. Meanwhile there is a means of defense from greater physical calamity, and that is the use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which by restoring the tone of the nerves and stomach, invigorates the entire system. It also prevents malarial, kidney and rheumatic ailments, and cures biliousness and constipation. Those who have been cured by it speak in uncertain terms as to its effectiveness.

PILES PERMANENTLY CURED

In from 3 to 5 days' time by the use of Lo-Mo. One bottle guaranteed to cure any case of piles, regardless of how long standing, what you have tried, or what your physician may claim. Money refunded if permanent cure is not obtained in the most severe cases in less than 5 days' time. After all others fail get Lo-Mo and be cured. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all first class druggists, or sent prepaid to any address on receipt of price. Address Harry Logue, Williamsport, Pa.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the "New Great South American Kidney Cure." This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidneys, back and every part of the urinary passages in male or female. It relieves retention of water and pain in passing it almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is your remedy. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

"Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits. 75 cents. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Smethport.

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When people buy, try and buy again, it means they're satisfied. The people of the United States are now buying Cascarets Candy Cathartic at the rate of two million boxes a year and it will be three million before New Year's. It means merit proved, that Cascarets are the most delightful bowel regulator for everybody the year round. All druggists, 10c, 25c, 50c, a box, cure guaranteed.

A[illegible] suffering from [illegible] B. W. Pursell of Kittanning, Pa., was cured by using two boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Skin diseases such as eczema, [illegible] eruptions and [illegible] sores are readily cured by this famous remedy. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

It is a pleasure to tell you [illegible] with a pleasant [illegible] from actual experience [illegible] become perfectly [illegible] by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Pain in [illegible] horses, dogs and all stock, cured by Woodford's Sanitary Lotion. This never fails. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

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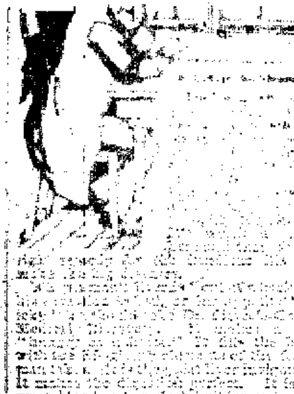

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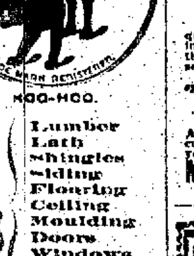
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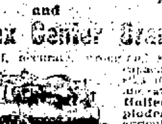

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect Nov. 28, 1897.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD.

6:25 a. m.—Train 8, week days, for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:23 p. m., New York 9:30 p. m., Baltimore 6:00 p. m., Washington, 7:15 p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia, and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

3:25 p. m.—Train 2, week days, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:30 a. m., New York 7:33 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

9:28 p. m.—Train 4, daily, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6:52 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m., week days (10:38 a. m. Sundays), Baltimore 6:20 a. m., Washington 7:40 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Washington and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Williamsport.

WESTWARD.

[illegible] a. m.—Train [illegible], week days, for Erie, Ridgway [illegible] and intermediate stations.
10:[illegible] a. m.—Train [illegible], daily, for Erie and week days for [illegible] and intermediate [illegible].
[illegible] p. m.—Train [illegible], week days, for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS for EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 9 leaves New York 8:00 p. m., Philadelphia 8:50 p. m., Washington 7:30 p. m., Baltimore 8:40 p. m., [illegible], arriving at Emporium Junction [illegible] a. m., week days, with Pullman sleepers and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport.

Train [illegible] leaves New York 7:40 [illegible] Philadelphia [illegible], Washington [illegible], Baltimore [illegible] p. m., daily arriving at Emporium Junction 10:[illegible] with Pullman parlor cars and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Williamsport and [illegible] Baltimore to Williamsport, on Sundays only, Pullman sleeper Philadelphia to Erie.

Train 15 leaves Philadelphia 8:[illegible] a. m., Washington 7:50 a. m., Baltimore [illegible], Wilkesbarre 10:15 a. m., weekdays, arriving at Emporium Junction 5:20 p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Kane.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD.

Weekdays.

NORTH	STATIONS.	SOUTH
A. M.		A. M.
[illegible]	Johnsonburg	11 50
9 10	Johnsonburg	11 50
9 2[illegible]	Lanigan	11 26
9 26	Glen Hazel	11 18
9 36	Straight	11 14
9 40	Instanter	11 06
9 46	Smith's Run	10 52
9 5[illegible]	Woodvale	10 46
10 1[illegible]	Clermont	10 46
A. M.		A. M.

Connections are made with Train 8, leaving Johnsonburg at [illegible] a. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at 3:45 p. m., and at Ridgway with train [illegible], leaving Ridgway at 2:50 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

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TIME TABLE.
Took effect Monday, June 15th, 1896.

1	3	5	STATIONS.	2	4	6
a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Ar. Dp.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
8:35	2:20	7:33	Keating	9:10	2:3[illegible]	7:56
8:35	2:02	7:19	Cowley Junc.	9:26	2:52	8:08
8:25	1:50	7:09	Austin	9:40	3:05	8:18
.....	1:37	6:59	Costello	9:48	3:13	.....
.....	1:26	6:48	Wharton	10:00	3:25	.....
.....	1:17	6:38	Logue	10:09	3:34	.....
.....	1:04	6:27	Hull	10:22	3:47	.....
.....	12:45	6:08	Cross Fork Jc.	10:45	4:10	.....
.....	12:07	5:31	Germania	11:2[illegible]	4:49	.....
.....	12:00	5:26	Galeton	11:30	4:55	.....
.....	10:45	4:23	Gaines	2:30	6:00	.....
.....	10:10	3:50	Ansonia	3:45	6:35	.....
	a. m.	p. m.	Dp. Ar.	p. m.	p. m.	

a m	a m	p m	Cross Fork Br.	a m	p m	p m
7:2[illegible]	12:45	4:25	ar Cr F'k Jc. dp	10:50	1:00	6:10
8:0[illegible]	11:30	5:0[illegible]	dp Cross F'k ar	11:40	2:00	7:10

H. Hutchinson, Train Master.
C. W. Goodyear, Gen'l Manager.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, takes effect Monday Nov 4, 1895.

Ar.	EASTW'D.		STATIONS.	Lv.	WESTW'D.	
A. M.	A. M.	P. M.		A. M.	P. M.	A. M.
8.0[illegible]	7.30	2.10	Ulysses	7.42	2.30	10.[illegible]
8.[illegible]	7.21	2.00	Colwell's	7.51	2.40	10.17
8.3[illegible]		1.56	Carpenter's		2.42	10.[illegible]
8.25	7.16	1.51	Lorkins	7.54	2.45	10.25
8.20	7.13	1.50	B. & S. Jnct'n	7.57	2.5[illegible]	10.30
	7.10	1.45	Newfield	8.00	2.54	[illegible]
8.14	7.06	1.42	Gold	8.04	2.5[illegible]	10.42
7.[illegible]	7.02	1.36	Raymond's	8.07	2.[illegible]	10.47
7.1[illegible]	6.50	1.24	Seven Bridges	8.[illegible]	3.1[illegible]	11.[illegible]
7.10	6.46	1.20	Colesburg	8.21	3.15	11.10
7.00	6.40	1.14	Frank's	8.28	3.22	11.17
	6.20	1.00				11.35
4.15	5.57	12.5[illegible]	Coudersport	8.45	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.40		12.51	Hammond			1.[illegible]
3.33	7.52	12.46	Olmsted	8.51	6.06	1.[illegible]
3.31	7.48	12.41	Mina	8.5[illegible]	6.10	1.42
3.25		12.34	Knowlton		6.15	
3.[illegible]	7.38	12.29	Roulette	9.05	6.22	1.[illegible]
3.[illegible]	7.3[illegible]	12.22	Burtville	9.13	6.30	2.[illegible]
3.[illegible]		12.17	Coleman		6.36	
3.15	7.20	12.12	Port Allegany	9.[illegible]	[illegible]	2.15
P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	Depot.	Arrive A. M.	P. M.	P. M.

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To take effect at 5 o'clock a.m., Monday, August 9, 1897.

South			Stations		North	
2:2[illegible]	......		Clermont		1:42	......
2:24	......		Chapman		1:3[illegible]	......
2:50	......		Wildwood		1:14	......
3:01	......		North Fork		1:03	......
3:11	......		Key Fork		12:5[illegible]	......
3:14	......		Gray Gulch		12:50	......
3:30	......	Ar	St. Marys	Lv	12:35	......
	7:40	Lv.		Ar	11:50	7:0[illegible]
3:35	7:45		Kaul		10:56	7:00
3:42	7:51		Dereck		10:48	6:52
3:48	7:53		Groll		10:41	6:44
3:56	8:00		Gillen		10:39	6:31
4:00	8:10		Paine		10:35	6:2[illegible]
4:08	8:15		Centreville		10:32	6:28
4:15	8:20		Hague Crossing		10:16	6:15
4:21	8:26		Shelvey Summit		10:06	6:05
4:[illegible]	8:36		Cunco		9:56	5:58
4:[illegible]	8:40		Thompson		9:53	5:54
4:[illegible]	8:43		Curry		9:48	5:49
4:44	8:49		Brandy Camp		9:43	5:42
4:46	8:51		Elbon		9:41	5:40
4:50	8:55		Hyde		9:36	5:35
5:10	9:10		Shawmut		9:15	5:15
p.m.	a.m.				a.m.	p.m.

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3:03 P. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for Wilcox, Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Emporium, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia—and at Bradford with Erie R. R. train 16 for Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville Elmira and New York.

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